

## **Schools Forum**

**Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 8.00 am**

**VENUE: Ernest Saville Room - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall, Bradford**

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The City Solicitor will report apologies and the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

#### **2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of interests from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

#### **3. MINUTES OF 5 JULY 2017 & MATTERS ARISING**

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**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2017 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

#### **4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS**

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

**5. STANDING ITEM - DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)**

There are no new allocations for consideration at this meeting. Proposed allocation to the secondary phase will be presented at the next meeting.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**6. UPDATE - STRATEGIC SEND REVIEW & CONSULTATION (i)**

An update will be provided verbally on the Authority's strategic review of SEND and Alternative Provision, following from presentation made to the 5 July 2017 Forum meeting.

**Recommended –**

**Members are asked to consider and to note the update.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439238)

**7. SECONDARY PHASE DE-DELEGATION FOR MATERNITY SCHEME COSTS (a)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document HQ**, which provides detail on which the Schools Forum can further consider the matter raised on 5 July 2017 regarding the disproportionate cost to the maintained secondary phase in 2017/18 of de-delegated arrangements for the maternity costs scheme.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and agree the action it wishes to take to resolve this matter.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**8. NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA - UPDATE (i)**

15 - 18

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document HR**, which provides an update on announcements on the implementation of the National Funding Formula. This update is provided in advance of the fuller announcement by the DfE, expected this month, which should enable more detailed consideration and for a fuller report to be presented to the School Forum at the October 2017 meeting. If the DfE's fuller announcement is made in time, the Business Advisor will present more information to the meeting.



**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to note the information presented and to begin to consider the implications for the 2018/19 DSG budget planning round.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**9. OUTLINE - FORMULA FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS 2018/19 (i)**

19 - 24

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document HS**, which outlines the draft working principles that are being considered for the development of Bradford's formula funding arrangements for 2018/19. These principles are considered prior to the fuller announcements by the DfE on 2018/19 DSG arrangements and National Funding Formula, which are needed in order for Authority, with the Schools Forum, to clearly set out proposals for formula funding arrangements for the 2018/19 financial year. The Authority expects more formal consultation reports, for the Schools Block, Early Years Block and High Needs Block, to be presented to the Schools Forum at the next meeting, with these consultations being published immediately after. Following this timetable, responses to these consultations would be considered by the Forum at its December meeting. The Schools Forum will be required to make its final recommendations on 2018/19 DSG and formula funding arrangements at its January 2018 meeting.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to begin to consider the draft working principles and whether these are agreeable. Members are also asked to discuss how best to communicate as early as possible this term with schools and other providers, and collect feedback, about arrangements for 2018/19 (in advance of more formal consultation beginning in October).**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**10. WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document HT**, which outlines the School Forum's 2017/18 Academic Year work programme. Members are asked to note that, following the request made at the last meeting, that the July 2018 meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 11 July 2018.



**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to note the proposed programme and to consider whether any additional items should be added at this stage.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**11. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS (i)**

Updates on the following Forum standing items will be provided verbally where these have not been covered within other agenda items:

- Update from the Schools Financial Performance Group (SFPG)
- Update on School / Academy Budgets
- Update from the Early Years Working Group (EYWG)
- Update from the Formula Funding Working Group (FFWG)
- Update on Primary School Places
- Update on Academies & Free Schools

**Recommended –**

**The Forum is asked to note the information provided.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Members will be asked for any additional items of business, for consideration at a future meeting.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 October 2017. Please note that the July 2018 meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 11 July 2018.

*(a) Denotes an item for action*

*(i) Denotes an item for information*

