

Decisions of the Schools Forum on Wednesday, 23 May 2018

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Decisions

1 MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

No resolution was passed on this item.

2 STANDING ITEM - DSG SCHOOLS BLOCK GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS

Resolved –

That the 2 proposed Growth Fund allocations shown in Document IQ be agreed.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

3 SEMH AND SEND REVIEWS - PROGRESS UPDATE

Resolved –

(1) That the Schools Forum, with reference to the discussion on the development of a local agreement for alternative provision in the primary phase, continues to endorse the long-standing principle adopted by the Forum that “funding should follow the pupil”.

(2) That a written report be presented to the next Schools Forum meeting, which now sets out the Authority’s SEND and SEMH strategic plan i.e. the product of the recent reviews. That this report incorporates the Authority’s response to all the areas of development, concern and discussion that are listed in the minutes of the Forum meeting held 14 March 2018 as having been raised by Schools Forum members in recent meetings.

Action: *Interim Strategic Lead, Access and Inclusion*

(3) That the Assistant Director, Finance and Procurement, the Strategic Director, Childrens Services and the Interim Strategic Lead, Access and Inclusion, attend the next Schools Forum meeting to facilitate the presentation of this report and to support further discussion.

(4) That the High Needs Block Steering Group be asked to ‘scenario

model' the impact of different developments e.g. free school creation and the timing of these on the High Needs Block going forward for report back to the Schools Forum.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

4 UPDATE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE 2018/19 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

Resolved –

That the information provided in Document IS be noted.

Lead: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

5 BRADFORD LEARNING NETWORK

Resolved –

That the collaborative approach to the procurement of fast, filtered and safe internet provision for schools enabling equity of access for all students across the District regardless of location, type or size of school be endorsed.

Action: *BLN Project Co-ordinator*

6 SCHOOLS' OUTTURN (REVENUE BALANCES) 2017/18

Resolved -

(1) That the information provided in Document IU be noted.

(2) That a statement is provided to the next Schools Forum meeting on the status of the resolution of the BSF contractual issue that is referred to in Document IU.

(3) That the High Needs Block Steering Group is asked to consider in more detail the position of (and factors behind the change in) surplus balances held in the maintained PRU sector for report back to the Schools Forum.

(4) That the Strategic Director, Children's Services, presents a statement to the next Schools Forum meeting, which sets out the Authority's plan for the resolution of the deficit position at Hanson School. That a briefing on this matter takes place with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Forum in advance of the meeting.

Lead: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

7 **SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS**

No resolution was passed on this item.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Vice Chair asked for clarification on the financing of Bradford New College specifically with reference to the source of funding of the College's recent promotional event.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved –

(1) That the meeting of the next Schools Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11 July 2018.

(2) That the meetings of the Schools Forum for 2018/2019 academic year be confirmed as follows:

- Wednesday 19 September 2018, 8am
- Wednesday 17 October 2018, 8am
- Wednesday 5 December 2018, 8am
- Wednesday 9 January 2019, 8am
- Wednesday 16 January 2019, 8am (*provisional meeting*)
- Wednesday 13 March 2019, 8am
- Wednesday 22 May 2019, 8am
- Wednesday 10 July 2019, 8am

Action: *City Solicitor*

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