

**Schools Forum**  
**Wednesday, 11 July 2018 at 8.00 am**  
**VENUE: Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Interim City Solicitor will report 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 23 MAY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING Minutes**

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**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2018 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 SCHOOLS BLOCK GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)**

There are no new Growth Fund allocations presented for the Forum's consideration.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**6. SEMH AND SEND REVIEWS AND STRATEGY (i)**

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A report setting out progress on the Authority's reviews, and the Authority's SEND and SEMH strategy, will be presented, **Document IV** (*Document to be circulated at a later date*).

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**

(Lynn Donohue – 01274 439606)

**7. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP - CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (a)**

Members will be asked to approve the proposed approach to the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Forum for 2018.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**8. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document IW**, which provides an update on the Forum's membership composition. The Authority's calculation confirms that our Schools and Academy members composition should not be adjusted further at this time; the split of maintained and academies membership is in line with pupil numbers, where the calculation of pupil numbers incorporates a forecast of academy conversions to take place during 2018.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**



(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**9. UPDATE ON NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA AND DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2019/20 (i)** 21 - 22

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document IX**, which provides an update on matters relating to the future development of National Funding Formula and the 2019/20 Dedicated Schools Grant. This update is provided following attendance at a DfE policy briefing session held on 18 June and is written in advance of the publication of more detailed operational guidance on DSG management for the 2019/20 financial year, which is expected later in July.

**Recommended –**

**The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided. Forum Members are also invited to attend a ‘Formula Funding Working Group’ session, on Monday 1 October (8am) or Tuesday 2 October (8am) or Thursday 4 October (8am). As last year, these sessions will enable Forum Members to consider in more detail the impact of formula funding decisions and to explore and guide the proposals for 2019/20 that will be set out for consultation in October.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**10. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS AND LINKED DOCUMENTS (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CONTRACT STANDING ORDER) (a)** 23 - 102

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document IY**, which asks the Forum to initially consider proposals for, and to agree for a consultation to take place with maintained schools on, the amendment of the Council’s Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and School Contract Standing Orders, and subsequent amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools. The outcomes of consultation will be presented to the Schools Forum on 19 September. The Forum is asked to note that, following the Forum’s discussion and decision on 19 September, the Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and the School Contract Standing Orders will be presented to the Authority’s Governance & Audit Committee. The Authority intends to implement the agreed amendments as soon as possible following the completion of the consultation and decision making processes.

**Recommended –**



The Schools Forum is asked to initial consider the proposed amendments set out in Document IY and to agree for a consultation to take place with maintained schools on these amendments.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**11. SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL VALUE STANDARD (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document IZ**, which provides the Forum with an update on the compliance of maintained schools with the Schools' Financial Value Standard (the SFVS) at 31 March 2018.

**Recommended –**

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

(Michael Parkinson – 01274 433148)

**12. FINANCIAL CLASSIFICATION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS 2018/19 (i)**

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JA**, which provides the Forum with a summary of the categorisation of maintained schools within the Local Authority's Financial Classification of Schools for the 2018/19 academic year.

**Recommended –**

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**13. 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:

- Schools Forum membership
- Update from the High Needs Block Steering Group
- 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

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (i)**

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

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 September 2018.

Please note that Schools Forum meetings for the 2018/19 academic year are scheduled 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

