

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at 8.00 am
VENUE: Ernest Saville Room - 2nd Floor, City Hall,
Bradford

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The 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 11 JULY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

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

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree the proposed application to the ESFA for a ‘disapplication’ related to the lump sum allocated to Silsden Primary School in 2019/20.

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. STRATEGIC SEMH & SEND REVIEWS (i)

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A progress update will be provided on the Authority’s strategic reviews of SEND and Alternative Provision, **Document JB**. This update includes continued discussion on matters presented to the Schools Forum on 11 July as well as the Authority’s consultation on the District’s SEND Strategy.

Recommended –

Members are asked to consider and to note the update.

(Lynn Donohue – 01274 439606)

7. NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA - UPDATE (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JC**, which provides an update on the implementation of the National Funding Formula. This report follows from the information presented to the Schools Forum on 11 July, which was based on our initial assessment of the announcements made by DfE in June and early July on the National Funding Formula future policy direction and 2019/20 DSG arrangements.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information presented and to begin to consider the implications for the 2019/20 DSG budget planning round.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. OUTLINE - FORMULA FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020 (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JD**, which outlines the working principles that are being considered in the development of Bradford’s formula funding arrangements for 2019/20. The Authority will



present formal consultation reports, for the Schools Block, Early Years Block and High Needs Block, to the Schools Forum at the next meeting, with these consultations being published immediately after. Following this timetable, responses to these consultations will be considered by the Forum at its December meeting. The Schools Forum will be required to make its final recommendations on 2019/20 DSG and formula funding arrangements at its January 2019 meeting.

Forum Members are invited to attend a 'Formula Funding Working Group' session, on Monday 1 October (8am) or Tuesday 2 October (8am) or Thursday 4 October (8am). 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.

Recommended –

- (1) **The Schools Forum is asked to consider the working principles.**
- (2) **Members are invited to attend a 'Formula Funding Working Group' session.**
- (3) **Members asked to discuss how best to communicate as early as possible this term with schools and other providers, and collect feedback, about arrangements for 2019/20 (in advance of more formal consultation beginning in October).**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. DISCUSSION ON UNDER-SUBSCRIPTION & STRATEGIC SCHOOL ORGANISATION (i) 69 - 126

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JE**, which enables the Schools Forum to more closely consider the Authority's school organisation strategy and the impact that falling rolls (under-subscription) is having on some schools in the District and the options that may be available to support these schools.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to consider the information presented in Document JE and to provide an initial steer to the Authority on whether / how schools facing under-subscription could be supported financially from the DSG.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR (i) 127 - 128

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JF**, which outlines the School Forum's 2018/19 Academic Year work programme.



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. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider if the agenda item relating to PFI / Building Schools for the Future (BSF) contractual matters should be considered in the absence of the public and, if so, to approve the following recommendation:

Recommended –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item (item *12) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present exempt information within Paragraph 3 (Financial or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reason: commercial confidentiality."

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. PFI / BSF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS (i)

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider the information presented. This agenda item follows from considerations in recent meetings and the request made at the last meeting for more detailed discussion.

****Note: The Schools Forum will have previously considered excluding the public from consideration of this matter under item 11 above.***

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

13. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS

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 from High Needs Block Steering Group (HNBSG)
- 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)

14. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 17 October 2018.

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information

