

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 8.00 am
VENUE: Ernest Saville Room - Second, 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 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 & MATTERS ARISING

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 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 GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)

There are no new allocations for consideration at this meeting. Proposed allocations to the secondary phase will be presented at the next meeting. This is because October 2018 Census data unfortunately is not yet currently available. The Authority will contact likely eligible secondary schools and academies to give them sight of an indicative allocation as soon as Census data has been collected / released by the DfE (in the case of academies).

6. STRATEGIC SEMH & SEND REVIEWS (i)

A progress update will be provided on the Authority's strategic reviews of SEND and Alternative Provision.

Recommended –

Members are asked to consider and to note the update.

(Lynn Donohue – 01274 439606)

7. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON FALLING ROLLS FUND / UNDER-SUBSCRIPTION (a) 13 - 20

A report will be presented, **Document JI**, which follows from the Forum's discussion at the last meeting (Document JE) and which asks Members to further consider the options for supporting schools that are under-subscribed and / or have falling rolls.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked consider the report and to decide whether schools should now be consulted on this matter within the 2019/20 primary and secondary Schools Block formula consultation.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



8. **CONSULTATION ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMULAE & SCHOOLS BLOCK MATTERS 2019/20 (a)** 21 - 66

The Business Advisor (schools) will present a report, **Document JK**, which asks the Forum to consider the consultation document, which outlines the proposals for the Schools Block, the formulae to be used to calculate budgets for Primary and Secondary schools and academies for the 2019/20 financial year and the criteria that will form the basis of the allocation of additional funding to schools (and academies where appropriate) from DSG centrally managed funds.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree that the consultation (Document JK Appendix 1) is published.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. **CONSULTATION ON EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS 2019/20 (a)** 67 - 110

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JL**, which provides an update on Early Years DSG funding matters and the consultation document, proposed to be published, which sets out proposals for Bradford's Early Years Block and Single Funding Formula for the 2019/20 financial year.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider the matters raised in the report and agree for the consultation document to be published.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. **CONSULTATION ON HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS 2019/20 (a)** 111 - 138

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JM**, which asks Members to agree the publication of the proposed consultation document on the High Needs Block funding model for 2019/20. This includes sight of the estimated number of places the Authority expects to commission.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to agree to the publication of the proposed consultation on the High Needs Block funding model for 2019/20.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)



11. **DSG CENTRAL ITEMS AND DE-DELEGATED FUNDS 2019/20 (a)** 139 -
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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, Document JN, which asks the Forum to review the position of Central Schools Block, Schools Block and Early Years Block central funds and de-delegated items in 2019/20.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to review the position of Central Schools Block, Schools Block and Early Years Block central funds and de-delegated items, to indicate what further consideration should be given / review work should take place, in advance of making final recommendations for 2019/20 at the January 2019 meeting.

Members representing Maintained Primary Schools are asked to decide on de-delegation in 2019/20 for the purposes of purchasing subscriptions to Fischer Family Trust.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. **AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS AND LINKED DOCUMENTS (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS) (a)** 147 -
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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document JO**, which asks the Forum to consider the outcomes of consultation that has been completed on the amendment to the Council's Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and School Contract Standing Orders, and the subsequent amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools. This consultation was presented to the Schools Forum on 11 July.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree the proposed amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools and to recommend to the Authority's Governance and Audit Committee that the amendments to the Scheme, the Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and School Contract Standing Orders are implemented.

(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:

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. 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 *15) 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)

15. PFI / BSF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS (i)

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider the information presented. This agenda item follows from the information presented to the last meeting on 19 September.



**Note: The Schools Forum will have previously considered excluding the public from consideration of this matter under item 14 above.*

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB) / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5 December 2018.

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information

