

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 0800
VENUE: Committee Room 1 - 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 22 MAY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 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. 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 2019.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KM**, which provides an update on the Forum's membership composition. The Authority's calculation confirms that our School 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 2019.

Recommended –

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. SEMH AND SEND REVIEWS - PROGRESS UPDATE (i)

A progress report on the SEND and SEHM reviews will be presented.

Recommended –

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

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

9. **RESPONSE TO THE DfE'S CALL FOR EVIDENCE - SEND AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (a)** 15 - 26

A drafted response to the DfE's call for evidence on SEND and Alternative Provision financial arrangements is presented, **Document KO**, for the Forum's consideration. This draft is intended to help Members agree their collective response, which will be submitted to the DfE alongside a response from the Local Authority. The deadline for responses to this call for evidence is 31 July 2019.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree its collective response to the DfE's call for evidence, using the draft as a starting point.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. **REPORT ON PFI COSTS IN SCHOOLS (i)** 27 - 30

A report will be presented, **Document KP**, which responds to the request made by Members at the meeting held on 13 March 2019 for a report, which examines the affordability of PFI costs in schools across the medium and longer terms.

Recommended –

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

(Ian Smart – 01274 431735)

11. **NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA AND DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2020/21 (i)** 31 - 34

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KQ**, which provides an update on matters relating to the future development of National Funding Formula and the 2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant as well as an update on local formula funding review work.

Recommended –

(1) The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.

- (2) **Forum Members are invited to attend a ‘Formula Funding Working Group’ session, on Tuesday 1 October (8am) or Wednesday 2 October (8am) or Tuesday 8 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 2020/21 that are anticipated will be set out for consultation in October.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL VALUE STANDARD (i) 35 - 36

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KR**, which provides the Forum with an update on the compliance of maintained schools with the Schools' Financial Value Standard (the SFVS) at 31 March 2019.

Recommended –

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

(Karl Pease– 01274 432249)

13. FINANCIAL CLASSIFICATION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS 2019/20 (i) 37 - 38

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KS**, which provides the Forum with a summary of the categorisation of maintained schools within the Local Authority's Financial Classification of Schools for the 2019/20 academic year.

Recommended –

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

14. 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

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

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

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

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 September 2019.

The schedule of meetings of the Schools Forum for the 2019/20 academic year is as follows. All meeting are to be held at 8.00 am at City Hall.

- **Wednesday 18 September 2019**
- **Wednesday 16 October 2019**
- **Wednesday 4 December 2019**
- **Wednesday 8 January 2020**
- *Wednesday 15 January 2020, PROVISIONAL MEETING*
- **Wednesday 11 March 2020**
- **Wednesday 20 May 2020**
- **Wednesday 8 July 2020**

(a) Denotes an item for action

(i) Denotes an item for information