

SCHOOLS FORUM
Wednesday, 18 September 2019 at 8.00 am
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 10 JULY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

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Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 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 GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)** 77 - 78

Members will be asked to consider, in **Document KT**, newly proposed allocations to primary schools and academies from the established DSG Schools Block Growth Fund in 2019/20.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to agree the proposed Growth Fund allocations shown in Document KT.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

6. **SEND & ALTERNATIVE PROVISION REVIEWS - PROGRESS UPDATE (i)**

A progress update will be provided on the Authority's strategic reviews of SEND and Alternative Provision. This update includes continued discussion on matters presented to the Schools Forum on 10 July.

Recommended –

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

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

7. **NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA - UPDATE (i)** 79 - 84

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KV**, which provides an update on the development and implementation of National Funding Formula.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information presented and to begin to consider the implications for the 2020/21 DSG budget planning round.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. **OUTLINE - FORMULA FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS & CONSULTATIONS 2020/21 (i)** 85 - 92

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KW**, which outlines the working principles that are being considered in the development of Bradford's formula funding arrangements for 2020/21. 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 2020/21 DSG and formula funding arrangements at its January 2020 meeting.

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). 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 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 2020/21 (in advance of more formal consultation beginning in October).**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR (i) 93 - 94

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document KX**, which outlines the School Forum's 2019/20 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)

10. 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)

11. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please see the published schedule of meetings – the next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16 October 2019.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider if the agenda item relating to the funding of health services in schools 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 *14) 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 5 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: legal privilege."

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

14. ***FUNDING HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS (i)**

The Schools Forum will be asked to consider further the matters raised by a school at the Forum's meeting on 10 July 2019 related to the funding of health services in schools.

At the meeting of 10 July, it was resolved that:

“Regarding the letter to the Schools Forum on the shift in the way health services are being delivered in schools (with increasing demands being placed on schools and school staff to provide healthcare to pupils with complex medical needs):

- (1) The Local Authority be asked to provide further information, which enables the Schools Forum to more closely consider the matters raised and their implications (including the financial implications on schools and on the High Needs Block). That this information includes an initial response, which sets out the Authority's 'legal opinion'.***
- (2) Full 'back to basics' discussions take place aimed at securing greater clarity on the respective responsibilities of schools and health services in meeting the costs of healthcare for pupils with complex medical needs.”***

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

- (a) Denotes an item for action
- (i) Denotes an item for information