

Schools Forum

Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at 8.00 am

Venue – Remote Meeting

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Director of Legal and Governance 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.

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3. MINUTES OF 17 MAY 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING 1 - 8

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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 allocations for consideration at this meeting.

6. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP - UPDATE (i) 9 - 12

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QA**, which provides an update on the Forum's membership, continuing from the report (Document PV) that was presented on 17 May 2023.

Recommended –

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT OUTTURN (BALANCES) 2022/23 (i) 13 - 18

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QB**, which provides the initial confirmation of carry forward balances held within the Dedicated Schools Grant at the close of the 2022/23 financial year.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING & ENTITLEMENT EXTENSION - UPDATE (i) 19 - 22

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QC**, which provides an update on the report that was presented to the last

meeting (Document PW) on the extension of the early years entitlements and on the allocation of additional Early Years Block monies for the delivery of the current entitlements from September 2023.

Due to the now anticipated timescale for the announcement, of the value of additional grant that Bradford will receive and the conditions of allocation, we envisage being required to formulate, over the summer holidays, an approach to the allocation of these monies to providers, with this approach being discussed with the Early Years Working Group (beginning 24 July) and then presented to (ratified by) the Schools Forum at the next meeting to be held on 13 September. We will need to give providers an indication of the method of allocation, as early as possible over the summer holidays, to facilitate their financial planning.

Recommended –

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. FORMULA FUNDING DEVELOPMENT 2024/25 (i)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) and the Principal Finance Officer (Schools) will present a report, **Document QD**, which provides an overview of local formula funding review priorities for the 2024/25 financial year.

Recommended –

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**
- (2) Forum Members are invited to (remotely) attend a ‘Formula Funding Working Group’ session, on Wednesday 27 September (8am) or Thursday 28 September (8am) or Tuesday 3 October (8am). As in previous years, these sessions will enable Forum Members to consider in more detail the impact of national formula funding decisions and to explore and guide the proposals for 2024/25 for Bradford’s Schools and High Needs Block formula funding arrangements that are anticipated will be set out for consultation in October.**

(Jonty Holden – 01274 431927)
(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. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Forum meeting is planned for **Wednesday 13 September 2023**.

Please note that the planned dates of meetings for the 2023/24 academic year in full are as follows:

- Wednesday 13 September 2023
- Wednesday 11 October 2023
- Wednesday 6 December 2023
- Wednesday 10 January 2024
- Wednesday 17 January 2024 *provisional meeting*
- Wednesday 6 March 2024
- Wednesday 22 May 2024
- Wednesday 10 July 2024

All meetings will commence at 0800.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

(a)	<i>Denotes an item for action (including where a formal view or recommendation is required).</i>
(i)	<i>Denotes an item for information.</i>

Signposting of High Needs Information

- As per the schedule presented on 14 October 2020, “Forum members are expected to access ‘outside of the Forum meetings’ wider SEND information that is presented to other groups and that is already published, including information presented to the SEND Partnership. The Authority will signpost this information (webpage links) for Forum members at the bottom of agendas.”

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