

Schools Forum

Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 0800

Venue – Remote Meeting

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Director of 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.

3. MINUTES OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING *(minutes)*

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That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 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 allocations for consideration at this meeting.

6. CONSULTATION - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MAINSTREAM FORMULAE & SCHOOLS BLOCK MATTERS 2024/25 (A) 21 - 70

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QJ**, which asks the Schools Forum to consider the consultation document, which outlines the proposals for the Schools Block, the funding formula to be used to calculate allocations for mainstream Primary and Secondary schools and academies for the 2024/25 financial year, and the criteria that will form the basis of the allocation of additional funding to maintained schools (and academies where appropriate) from Schools Block centrally managed funds.

The Authority would like now to consult on these proposals. The feedback from this consultation will be presented to the Schools Forum on 6 December. The Forum will then be asked to give its final views (its recommendations) on 10 January 2024.

Recommended –

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

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. CONSULTATION - HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FORMULAE FUNDING 2024/25 (A) 71 - 116

The Principal Finance Officer (Schools) will present a report, **Document QK**, which asks the Schools Forum to consider the consultation document, which outlines the formula approach that the Authority proposes to use to delegate High Needs Block funding to high needs providers, mainstream schools and academies and other settings in the 2024/25 financial year April 2024 to March 2025.

The Authority would like now to consult on these proposals. The feedback from this consultation will be presented to the Schools Forum on 6 December. The Forum will then be asked to give its final views (its recommendations) on 10 January 2024.

Recommended –

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

(Dawn Haigh – 01274 433775)

8. EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING MATTERS 2024/25 (I)

The Business Advisor (Schools) will provide an update verbally on Early Years Block funding matters. No further announcements, since the 13 September Forum meeting, have been made by the DfE regarding the 2024/25 Early Years Block settlement or Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) arrangements.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. DSG CENTRAL ITEMS AND DE-DELEGATED FUNDS 2024/25 (A)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document QL**, which asks the Schools Forum to review the position of Central Schools Services Block, Schools Block and Early Years Block central funds and de-delegated items for the 2024/25 financial year.

Recommended –

The Forum is asked to review the position of Central Schools Services 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 and decisions for 2024/25 at the 10 January 2024 meeting.

Members representing Maintained Primary Schools are asked to decide on de-delegation in 2024/25 for the purposes of purchasing subscriptions to Fischer Family Trust.

(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 6 December 2023 (remote).

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| (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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