

DECISIONS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

DECISIONS:

1. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

No resolution was passed on this item.

2. STANDING ITEM – DSG GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS

No resolution was passed on this item.

3. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS

Resolved –

- (1) That the information in Document IN be noted, including the Authority's planned retention of 25% of the value of Pupil Premium Plus from April 2018.
- (2) That the additional information requested by Members (recorded in the minutes) is presented to the next meeting.
- (3) That the Schools Forum receives a report annually, as part of its standard work plan, on the work of the Virtual School and the impact of Pupil Premium Plus monies.

Action: Headteacher of the Virtual School

4. SEMH AND SEND REVIEWS - PROGRESS UPDATE

Resolved –

- (1) That the update on the progress of the SEMH and SEND reviews be noted.
- (2) That the two additional reports tabled at the meeting by Members be welcomed.
- (3) That the Local Authority establishes a new standing Schools Forum sub-group, indicatively titled the 'High Needs Block Steering Group', with the membership and remit of this group to be developed in consultation with the Schools Forum. That this group is established as quickly as possible.

Action: Strategic Director, Children's Services



5. UPDATE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE 2018/19 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided in Document IO be noted.
- (2) Follow the review of the ‘benefit vs. cost’ analysis, that de-delegation for trade union facilities time for the 2018/19 financial year continues at the current per pupil value.
- (3) That the decision made in response to the FSM data error, circulated by email to Members on 17 January, be formally agreed and recorded for the purposes of the minutes.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS AND LINKED DOCUMENTS (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS)

No resolution was passed on this item.

7. MATTERS CONCERNING SCHOOL AND ACADEMY BUDGETS

Resolved –

- (1) That the information provided in Document IP be noted.
- (2) That Members communicate to colleagues the warnings that are given in Document IP about the estimated continued growth of cost pressure within school and academy budgets across 2018-2021.

Action: *Business Advisor (Schools)*

8. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS

No resolution was passed on this item.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

No resolution was passed on this item.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Schools Forum is Wednesday 23 May 2018 (please note that the date has been moved from the 16 May).

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