



NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2013 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Schools Members

One head teacher representative - nursery phase
Three head teacher representatives - primary phase
Three head teacher representatives - secondary phase
One head teacher representative - special phase
One academy representative
Eight governors

Non School Members

Three Councillors from each political party
One representative from the following organisations:
The Anglican Diocese
The Roman Catholic Diocese
The 14-19 Partnership
The Early Years providers (from the private, voluntary and independent sector)

(NB This agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting).

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest

3 Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting held on 23 October 2013 (Pages 1 - 4)

4 Schools Forum Membership and Constitution (Pages 5 - 14)

The purpose of this report is to seek Schools Forum approval of the revised constitution attached at Appendix 1. The amendments to the constitution reflect the changes announced by the Government in June 2013, as part of the 2014-15 continued school funding changes, together with the expected good practice contained within the 'School Forums: operational and good practice guide – for local authorities and members of Schools Forum', published by the Department for Education in October 2013.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum approve the revised constitution attached at Appendix 1.

Richard Webb, Finance Manager will present the attached report.

5 School Funding Reform (Pages 15 - 20)

Richard Webb will present the attached report.

6 Pupil Premium - Looked After Children. (Pages 21 - 24)

To provide Schools Forum with an update on the Pupil Premium for Looked After Children and to inform Members of the proposed allocation and usage of this funding to support the development of Looked After Children and provide assistance to Schools.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the report.

Helen Thompson will present the attached report.

7 Budget Monitoring. (Pages 25 - 30)

This purpose of this report is to inform Schools Forum of the projected year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as at the end of October 2013.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the forecast budget position for the financial year as at the end of October 2013.

Richard Webb will present the attached report.

8 School Revenues Balances. (Pages 31 - 36)

A report was presented to Schools Forum on 17 July 2013 advising on the level of schools revenue and capital balances as at 31st March 2013 and their planned use. Schools Forum requested that further information be brought back to a future meeting in respect of those schools with the largest uncommitted revenue balances.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the contents of the report.

Richard Webb will present the attached report.

9 Free School Meals.

An urgent report on free school meals will follow.

10 Future Meetings.

11 Any Other Business.