

# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## SCHOOLS FORUM

**WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2012 AT 4.30 PM**

## CONFERENCE ROOM B - 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)

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(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 last meeting on 03 October 2012**  
(Pages 1 - 8)

- 4 School Funding Reform (Pages 9 - 52)**

Richard Webb, Finance Manager, will present the attached report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**It is recommended that the schools forum:**

- a. Agrees that following confirmation of the 2013-14 DSG, officers will amend the unit values to minimise the impact of fluctuations in funding at the school level. This will be achieved as far as possible by amendment of the values associated with the 'Basic Per Pupil Entitlement'.**
- b. Agrees the proposed mainstream formula factors, together with the choices that the Council has made in implementing these factors locally, as detailed at paragraph 15 and table 1.**
- c. Agrees the proposal to introduce a financial cap to restrict significant increases in schools funding, as detailed in paragraph 18.**
- d. Approves by phase the treatment of the central expenditure items as detailed in table 2.**
- e. Notes that a further progress report will be presented to the December meeting which will include proposals in relation to the use of the central contingency and for funding growth.**
- f. Agrees the proposal for funding of permanent exclusions set out in paragraph 40.**
- g. Notes the proposals in respect of the high needs block and also that a further report will be presented in December.**

- 5 Academy Transfers (Pages 53 - 58)**

Mike Stoneman, Strategic Commissioning Manager, will present the attached report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**It is recommended that the Schools Forum note the content of this report and the following recommendation to Cabinet.**

- a. that the Council seek a contribution of £5,000 from the converting school, towards the costs associated with the academy transfer process on the following basis:**

**The contribution will be capped at £5,000. This will be deducted from the schools account at the beginning of the transfer process. In extreme circumstances the Council may seek an additional contribution if costs significantly exceed the capped figure of £5,000. This will be discussed and negotiated with the School before any further deductions are implemented.**

**6 Closing balances of Charles Dickens Infant and Primary Schools (Pages 59 - 60)**

Richard Webb, Finance Manager, will present the attached report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**It is recommended that the Schools Forum endorse the transfer by Portsmouth City Council of an amount equivalent of the closing balances of Charles Dickens Infant School and Charles Dickens Junior School to the Charles Dickens Primary School, once the amalgamation process is complete.**

**7 Any Other Business**