



NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2015 AT 4.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A, SECOND FLOOR, THE CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Schools Members

One head teacher representative - nursery phase

Three head teacher representatives - primary phase

Two head teacher representatives - secondary phase

One head teacher representative - special phase

Five academy representatives

Five governors

Non School Members

Four Councillors (one from each political party)

16-19 representative

One representative from the following organisations:

The Anglican Diocese

The Roman Catholic Diocese

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 interests
- 3 Membership changes

4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 October 2014 and matters arising. (Pages 1 - 6)

5 School Revenue Funding Arrangements 2015-16 (Pages 7 - 18)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to inform Schools Forum of the progress being made towards the implementation of the changes to the School Revenue Funding arrangements for 2015-16 and to seek approval for the final stage of the submission to the Department for Education (DfE) of the 2015-16 mainstream School Revenue Funding Proforma.

RECOMMENDED that Schools Members:

- a Endorse the proposed changes to the mainstream schools revenue funding formula as set out in paragraph 5.6.**
- b Endorse the de-delegated unit values for 2015-16 as shown at Appendix 2.**
- c Endorse the amount of the growth fund for 2015-16 at £200,000.**
- d Endorse the school funding pro-forma at Appendix 3 for submission to the DfE on the 20th January 2015.**

RECOMMENDED that Schools Forum:

- e Note the financial context and challenges facing the Dedicated Schools Grant budgets as well as the wider Council as set out in section 4**
- f Endorse the proposals in respect of the funding for Outreach services (also known as PSENSP) as set out in section 7.**
- g Endorse the decision to cease the operation of the Exceptional Circumstances Fund from 1st April 2015.**
- h Note that the overall indicative Dedicated School Grant budget for 2015- 16 will be presented to a meeting in February for approval before the statutory deadline of the 28th February.**

6 School Modernisation Capital Programme - Capital Contributions From Schools (Pages 19 - 32)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the schools capital contribution methodology to be used from 2015/16 onward. This follows the 'in principle' agreement from Schools Forum on 15 October 2014 and the subsequent consultation process for the proposed new methodology, which took place between 04 December 2014 and 08 January 2015.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- a) Note the principles adopted in determining the proposed contribution methodology, as set out in section 4 of this report.**
- b) Note the response and feedback to the consultation, as set out in Appendix 2.**

- c) Consider and approve one of the following methodologies for implementation from 01 April 2015:
- i. The proposed methodology, whereby all maintained schools contribute, as set out in section 5 of this report; or
 - ii. The alternative methodology, whereby only maintained schools having capital schemes delivered will contribute, as set out in section 7 of this report.

(Note: the individual school governing bodies will need to agree to contribute).

7 Budget Monitoring Report as at 30 September 2014 (Pages 33 - 38)

Purpose.

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 September 2014.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the forecast budget position for the financial year as at the end of September 2014.

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