
NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 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)

One representative from the following organisations:

The Anglican Diocese

The Roman Catholic Diocese

The 16-19 representative

The Early Years providers (from the private, voluntary and independent sector)

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**

- 3 **Membership Changes.**
- 4 **Minutes and Matters Arising From the Previous Meeting held on 21 January 2015 (Pages 1 - 6)**
- 5 **Appointment of Chair.**
- 6 **Appointment of Vice Chair.**
- 7 **2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget. (Pages 7 - 18)**

Purpose

Under the 'School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014, the Local Authority must not later than 27th February 2015:

- a. Make an initial determination of their school budget; and
- b. Give notice of that determination to the governing bodies of the schools they maintain.

The purpose of this report is therefore to inform Schools Forum of the initial determination of the schools budget (including the individual schools budgets) for 2015-16 and to seek the necessary endorsement and approvals required.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

1. **Endorse the determination of the 2015-16 schools budget (including the individual schools budgets) shown at Appendix 1, together with the supporting explanations contained within this report and specifically agree the following budget lines:**
 - i. the amended growth fund;
 - ii. the early years central expenditure; and
 - iii. the Admissions Service and Schools Forum.
2. **Endorse the 2015-16 Element 3 Top-up rates for the Special Schools and Resourced Units as set out in Appendix 2.**
3. **Endorse the 2015-16 Element 3 Top-up rates for the Alternative Provision settings set out in paragraph 6.12.**
4. **Endorse the decision that any carry-forward balances from 2014-15 be used to assist with the continued introduction of the funding reform changes and fund any potential financial pressures arising during 2015-16.**

8 School Modernisation Capital Programme - Capital Contributions From Schools. (Pages 19 - 30)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the schools capital contribution methodology to be used from 2015/16 onwards. This follows the endorsement of the proposed new methodology by Schools Forum on 21st January 2015 and the subsequent request to schools that was sent out on 23rd January 2015 asking for confirmation of their support for the new methodology.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- a) Note the response and feedback to the request that was sent out to school Governing Bodies to confirm whether they would support the new methodology, as set out in Appendix 2 of this report;**
- b) Acknowledge that the proposed new methodology (as set out in Appendix 1) is unviable, due to the fact that nearly half of the schools that responded confirmed they would not support the proposal;**
- c) Endorse the alternative methodology (as set out in section 6 of this report), whereby only maintained schools having capital schemes delivered will be expected to contribute financially to the schemes.**

9 Any Other Business.

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