



NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 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 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 Membership changes.

4 Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting on 25 February 2015.
(Pages 1 - 4)

5 Introduction from the Chair.

6 DSG outturn position 2014-15 and revised budget 2015-16. (Pages 5 - 16)

Purpose.

The purpose is to inform Schools Forum of the year-end outturn position for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as at the end of March 2015 and propose revisions to the budget for 2015-16.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- 1. Note the year-end outturn budget position for the DSG at the end of March 2015 and the variance explanations contained within this report.**
- 2. Endorse the revised budget for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix 1.**

7 Maintained school balances as at 31 March 2015. (Pages 17 - 32)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Schools Forum as to the level of schools' revenue and capital balances as at 31st March 2015.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the level of schools' revenue balances and capital balances as at 31st March 2015 as shown in Appendices 2 & 3.

8 Childcare Sufficiency (Pages 33 - 38)

Purpose

This report updates Schools Forum with the local authority progress in meeting the childcare sufficiency duty related to funded 2 year olds.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- 1. Note the progress in expanding the sufficiency of 2 year old places.**
- 2. Agree the allocation of £51,000 from the 2014-15 carry forward to be used to continue the expansion of the 2 year old provision in the city.**

9 School term dates. (Pages 39 - 44)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with an information paper about the Government's Deregulation Bill which was given Royal Assent on 25 March 2015. All schools will be able to set their own term dates when schedule 16 of the Act comes into force. However, the Government would still expect schools to work with each other and the local authority as appropriate to ensure coordination is in place for 2016/17 and beyond.

The paper sets out the council's intention to continue with schools over future term dates and to publish these dates together with the names of the schools that will be following them.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum note the content of the report and feedback to their representative groups, encouraging the continuation of the current process for setting school term times.

10 School funding arrangements 2016-17.

Richard Webb, Finance Manager and Alison Egerton Group Accountant will give a verbal update.

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