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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2017 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM B, 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 7 December 2016.** (Pages 5 - 8)
  
- 5 **2017-18 School revenue funding arrangements and dedicated schools grant budget.** (Pages 9 - 38)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to:

- a. Seek endorsement for the final stage submission to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by the 20 January, of the 2017-18 mainstream school revenue funding pro-forma for the Primary and Secondary phases.
  
- b. Inform Schools Forum of the initial determination of the schools budget (including the individual schools budgets) for 2017-18 and to seek the necessary approvals and endorsements required.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that Schools Members:

- a. **Endorse the proposed changes to the mainstream schools revenue funding formula as set out in section 5.**
  
- b. **Agree (mainstream school members only) to the de-delegation of:**
  - i. **Funding for Behaviour Support Services for the period April to August 2017 (*primary only*).**
  - ii. **Funding to contribute to the costs of services provided to maintained schools previously funded from the ESG general funding rate.**
  
- c. **Endorse the de-delegated unit values for 2017-18 as shown at Appendix 4.**
  
- d. **Endorse the carry-forward of the final balance of the Schools Contingency Fund from 2016-17 into 2017-18 for use for the same purpose.**
  
- e. **Endorse the amount of the growth fund for 2017-18 at £275,300.**
  
- f. **Note the estimated pressures on the Growth Fund for 2018-19 and the proposals to consult with schools on changes to the growth fund criteria.**
  
- g. **Endorse the school revenue funding pro-forma at Appendix 7 for submission to the EFA on the 20 January 2017.**
  
- h. **Invite the views of Schools Forum and seek their agreement to adopt one of the following options in respect of the AP top-up funding rate for the Harbour School:**

- i. **Maintain the AP top-up funding rate at the current £6,000 per annum.**
- ii. **Increase the AP top-up funding rate from £6,000 to £8,000 per annum and a further reduction in the Basic Per Pupil Funding rate for mainstream schools by £4.63.**
- iii. **Increase the AP top-up funding rate from £6,000 to £7,000 per annum and a further reduction in the Basic Per Pupil Funding rate for mainstream schools by £2.32.**

It is recommended that Schools Forum:

- i. **Endorse the determination of the 2017-18 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:**
  - iv. **Admissions;**
  - v. **Schools Forum;**
  - vi. **ESG retained duties.**
- j. **Endorse the 2017-18 Element 3 Top-up rates for the Special Schools Resourced Units and Alternative Provision (Flying Bull only) settings as set out in Appendix 5.**
- k. **Endorse the decision that any carry-forward balances from 2016-17 be used to assist with the continued introduction of the funding reform changes and fund any potential financial pressures arising during 2017-18.**
- l. **Note that a report will be presented in February 2017 setting out:**
  - i. **The local funding arrangements in respect of the 2, 3 and 4 year old early years provision for 2017-18; which will comply with the requirements of both the regulations and the operational guide.**
  - ii. **The necessary amendments to the 2017-18 budget, in order to reflect the new Early Years allocation and the corresponding changes to the expenditure budgets; which must be affordable on an ongoing basis within the available funding allocation.**

## **6 Any other business.**

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