

NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 4.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM B, SECOND FLOOR, THE CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Schools Members

Three head teacher representatives - primary phase

Two head teacher representatives - secondary phase

One head teacher representative - special phase

Seven academy representatives

Three governors

Non School Members

Five Councillors (one from each political groups)

One representative from the following organisations:

The 16-19 Representative

The Early Years Representative

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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 12 July 2017. (Pages 5 - 10)**

5 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Monitoring Report - First Quarter 2017/18. (Pages 11 - 16)

Purpose.

To inform the Schools Forum of the projected revenue expenditure within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the current financial year 2017-18 as at the end of June 2017.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- 1. Notes the forecast year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at the end 30 June 2017, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**
- 2. Endorses the decision to delegate authority to the Section 151 officer to make the necessary adjustments to Dedicated Schools Grant budgets throughout the year to reflect the conversion of schools to academy status.**

6 Special Schools Element 3 Top-Up Banding Descriptors. (Pages 17 - 54)

Purpose of report

- (1) To inform Schools Forum of the work that has been undertaken to revise the banding descriptors and the associated financial values (Element 3 Top-up funding) for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) attending both maintained and Academy Special Schools in the City.
- (2) To seek endorsement of the Cabinet Member for Education's decision to implement the new banding descriptors and associated financial values for pupils starting school in September 2017 and for pupils who are reassessed as part of the Annual review process.

RECOMMENDED that Schools Forum:

- a. Endorses the decision of the Cabinet Member for Education to approve the introduction of the new banding descriptors for new pupils as set out in Appendix 1 from the start of the new academic year in September 2017**
- b. Endorses the decision of the Cabinet Member for Education to approve the Element 3 Top-up funding rates allocated to the new banding descriptors as set out in Appendix 2 from the start of the new academic year in September 2017 and for the financial year 2018-19.**

- c. **Endorses the decision of the Cabinet Member for Education to approve the Element 3 top-up rates for 2018-19 as set out in Appendix 3 for those pupils continuing at the Special Schools and funded via the current A to H banding framework.**
- d. **Note that the financial impact of the proposed changes will continue to be monitored both centrally and at a school level; and that both Redwood Park and Willows school funding will be reviewed in Summer 2018 due to the changing complexities of the children in these schools.**

7 Future School Funding Arrangements. (Pages 55 - 62)

Purpose.

This purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with an update on the latest developments in respect of the future school revenue funding arrangements for 2018-19 onwards.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- a. **Note the Department for Education's proposed changes to the school revenue funding arrangements for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020, as set out in sections 4 and 5.**
- b. **Note that full national funding formula for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020 will be confirmed by the Department for Education in September alongside the responses to the national funding formula consultations.**
- c. **Note that the Local Authority level allocation for 2018 to 2019 for the schools, central school services and high needs blocks will also be published by the Department for Education in September. Final allocations will follow as usual in December, on the basis of pupil numbers recorded in the October census.**
- d. **Endorse the proposals for implementing the funding formula arrangements locally as set out in section 6.**

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