

NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2020 AT 4.30 PM

REMOTE MEETING

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Membership

Schools Members

Two head teacher representatives - primary phase
One head teacher representative - secondary phase
One head teacher representative - special phase
Four academy representatives - primary proprietor
Five academy representatives - secondary proprietor
One academy representative - special proprietor
One governor - primary phase
One governor - secondary phase

Non School Members

Four Councillors (one from each political groups)
One 16-19 Education Providers representative
One Early Years Providers representative

(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 of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2020 and matters arising** (Pages 5 - 10)

5 **Dedicated Schools Grant 2020-21 Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring** (Pages 11 - 18)

Purpose

to inform Schools Forum of the projected revenue expenditure of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the current financial year 2020-21 as at the end of September 2020.

**It is recommended that Schools Forum:
Notes the forecast year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 September 2020, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**

6 **School Funding Arrangements 2021-22** (Pages 19 - 66)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with an update on the latest developments in respect of the school revenue funding arrangements for the financial year 2021-22 onwards

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

1. **Note the Department for Education's proposed changes to High Needs Block revenue funding arrangements for 2021-22 as set out in this report.**
2. **Endorse the funding arrangements for Maintained and Academy Special Schools and Independent Special Schools in relation to the Teachers Pay Grant, Teachers Pension Employer Contribution Grant and the Supplementary Grants from April 2021, as set out in Table 1.**
3. **Note the responses from schools with regards to the:**
 - briefing regarding the proposed changes to the school funding arrangements and the mainstream Education Health and Care Plan banding**
 - consultation regarding the proposed carry forward of the Growth Fund balances for the same use in future years.**

As set out in section 6 and Appendix 2.

4. **Endorse the proposed carry forward of Growth Fund balances for the same use in future years as set out in Section 6.**

5. **Endorse the proposed hourly rates to Early Years providers for**

7 Early Years Providers Covid-19 Additional Grant 2020-21 (Pages 67 - 82)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Schools Forum to pay early years providers additional funding in the form of a one off grant in order to support the sustainability of the market. This would apply to providers who offered funded early years provision for two, three and four years old during the first national coronavirus lockdown.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum:

- 1. Approves the grant values as set out in section 4.3 to be paid in the autumn term 2020.**

- 2. Notes that a further review of the Dedicated Schools Grant Early Years block funding and expenditure will be undertaken in quarter four of the 2020-21 financial year, in relation to a potential further grant payment in the spring term 2021 as set out in section 8.2.**