

NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021 AT 4.30PM

VIRTUAL 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).

Please note that the agenda, minutes and non-exempt reports are available to view online on the Portsmouth City Council website: www.portsmouth.gov.uk

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Membership Changes**
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2021 and Matters Arising (Pages 5 - 8)**

5 Early years sufficiency update report (Pages 9 - 12)

Purpose

Update on sufficiency in early years due to the impact of COVID 19 - latest information about sufficiency across the city and any long term impact from the pandemic that may continue to affect providers.

RECOMMENDED that School Forum Members to note the report as set out in section 3.

6 An evaluation of initiatives to manage the DSG's High Needs Block spending (Pages 13 - 18)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an evaluation of the impact of initiatives implemented with the aim of managing demand on the DSG's High Needs Block funding:

- 1 The establishment of a SEND 'Monitoring and Review' Hub to monitor the impact of element 3 funding attached to EHCPs and ensure value for money on behalf of Schools Forum.
- 2 A pilot project to test the use of AV1 'No Isolation' robots to increase the inclusion of children who are unable to physically attend school, and thereby increase the value for money of the medical tuition offer.
- 3 The Turnaround project, funded by a DfE grant which has now come to an end, and which focused on increasing the successful reintegration of children from Alternative Provision (AP) to mainstream schools thus increasing the availability of AP places.

RECOMMENDED

2.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum note:

2.1.1 The progress the SEND Monitoring and Review Hub has made and that a full evaluation of the impact of the work after 18 months will be brought to Schools Forum in 2022.

2.1.2 Continued funding of 6 AV1 'No Isolation' robots £15k per annum.

2.2 It is expected that Schools Forum approve:

2.2.1 Funding the Turnaround project circa £100k per annum with a minimum commitment of 3 years. Any future funding would be based on a full evaluation of the project.

7 Schools Forum Constitution 2021-22 (Pages 19 - 36)

Purpose

- To update the Schools Forum on the composition of membership which has been updated to provide for appropriate representation between maintained schools and academies within the city,
- To seek Schools Forum approval to revise the constitution attached at Appendix A.

RECOMMENDED that Schools Forum approves the revised constitution attached at appendix a, to take effect from 26 May 2021.

8 Schools Specific Contingency request (Pages 37 - 52)

Purpose

To request the use of the Schools Specific Contingency by Manor Infant School to support the financial impact of the loss of pupil premium funding as set out in the business case in Appendix 1

RECOMMENDED that schools forum approve the request from manor infant school for financial support to the sum of £17,485 from the schools specific contingency to cover a shortfall in funding as set out in appendix 1.

9 Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring (Pages 53 - 60)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is 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 December 2020.

RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that Schools Forum notes the forecast year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 31 December 2020, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.

10 Future Schools Forum meetings

The dates of future meetings are as follows:

- 26 May 2021
- 7 July 2021
- 6 October 2021
- 1 December 2021
- 19 January 2022
- 9 February 2022

All meetings are at 4:30pm

The Schools Forum are asked to consider whether they wish to proceed with virtual meetings going forward as permitted under the amended Schools and Early Years Finance (England) regulations 2021 or whether they wish to revert to face to face meetings.