

NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023 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).

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July. (Pages 5 - 8)**
RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023 be agreed as a correct record.
- 4 **Matters Arising.**

5 Membership Update.

6 School Funding Arrangements 2024-25 (Pages 9 - 38)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with an update on the latest developments in respect of the future schools revenue funding arrangements for the financial year 2024-25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Schools Forum:

- 1. Notes the Department for Education's proposed changes to school revenue funding arrangements for 2024-25, as set out in this report.**
- 2. Endorse the proposals for implementing the local funding formula arrangements as set out in this report in particular to:**
 - Implement the National Funding Formula rates for both primary and secondary schools in 2024-25 as set out in Appendix 1**
 - Implement a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of at least 0.0% and up to +0.5% subject to affordability, for 2024-25 as set out in paragraph 5.22.**
 - The methods of managing affordability as set out in paragraphs 5.23 to 5.27.**
- 3. Approve the proposal not to set up a Falling Rolls Fund for 2024-25.**
- 4. Approve the Growth Fund Criteria as set out in Appendix 2, with the primary and secondary values being brought to the January 2024 meeting for approval.**

It is recommended that maintained Primary Schools:

- 1. Approve the de-delegation of funding to support the Education Functions as set out in Section 7.**

It is recommended that maintained Secondary Schools:

- 2. Approve the de-delegation of funding to support the Education Functions as set out in paragraph Section 7.**

7 Dedicated Schools Grant 2023-24 quarter 2 Budget Monitoring and Revised budget. (Pages 39 - 48)

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 2023-24 as at the end of September 2023, along with proposed budget revisions.

RECOMMENDED that Schools Forum:

- 1. Notes the forecast year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 September 2023, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**
- 2. Endorses the revisions to the 2023-24 budget as set out in Appendix 1 and section 8.**

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