

Schools Forum
Wednesday, 18 May 2022 at 0800

VENUE: Held Remotely

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The City Solicitor will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of interests from Members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it only becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF 9 MARCH 2022 & MATTERS ARISING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022 be signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS RAISED BY SCHOOLS

Members will be asked to consider any issues raised by schools.

5. STANDING ITEM - DSG SCHOOLS BLOCK GROWTH FUND ALLOCATIONS (a)

There are no new allocations for consideration at this meeting.

6. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP (a)

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The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document OI**, which provides an update on the Forum's membership and composition and how the Local Authority will now seek to refresh the Forum's membership.

Members are asked to approve the proposed approach to the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Forum for the 2022/23 academic year.

This report presents the annual update of the Forum's Conduct of Meeting and Procedures document (Appendix 2). Forum Members are asked to consider and to approve Appendix 2.

Recommended –

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**
- (2) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the proposed approach to the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Schools Forum for the 2022/23 academic year.**
- (3) The Forum is asked to approve Appendix 2 (Forum Conduct of Meetings and Procedures) for the 2022/23 academic year.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. UPDATE ON SCHOOLS BLOCK 'HARD' NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (i)

19 - 22

The Principal Officer (Schools) will present a report, **Document OJ**, which provides an update on the DfE's published response to the consultation on the completion of the 'hard' National Funding Formula reforms, with changes to be implemented for the 2023/24 financial year.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information presented.

(Jonty Holden – 01274 431927)

8. MAINTAINED SCHOOLS' OUTTURN (REVENUE BALANCES) 2021/22 (i) 23 - 26

The Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document OK**, which provides an overview of the position of revenue balances held by maintained schools at 31 March 2022.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. NATIONAL SEND AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION REVIEW & CAPITAL SETTLEMENTS (i) 27 - 30

The Business Advisor (Schools), together with the Assistant Director, SEND & Inclusion and the Intelligence and Sufficiency Strategic Manager, will present **Document OL**, which provides an overview of the DfE's SEND and Alternative Provision Review, which was published on 29 March, as well as the Basic Needs and SEND capital settlements for 2022-2024.

The deadline for responses to the DfE's consultation on the Review is Friday 1 July. The Schools Forum is asked to consider how it wishes to respond to this consultation, including any key points of feedback that the Forum may wish the Local Authority to include in its response.

The Schools Forum is asked to consider how it now wishes to work with the Local Authority to further review the implications of the Review and the capital settlements on the Dedicated Schools Grant (High Needs Block). This matters be linked to the next agenda item.

Recommended -

- (1) The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**
- (2) The Schools Forum is asked to consider how it wishes to respond to this consultation, including the key points of feedback that the Forum may wish the Local Authority to include in its response.**
- (3) The Forum is asked to consider how it now wishes to work**

with the Local Authority to further consider the implications of the Review and the capital settlements on the Dedicated Schools Grant (High Needs Block).

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

10. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK SURPLUS BALANCE DISCUSSIONS UPDATE (i)

31 - 34

Linking with the previous agenda item on the SEND and Alternative Provision Review, the Business Advisor (Schools) will present a report, **Document OM**, which provides an update on the consideration of the surplus balance that is held within the High Needs Block at the end of the 2021/22 financial year.

The report explains the discussions that have taken place with the Forum's Working Group, as well as with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), since the last Schools Forum meeting.

Recommended –

The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the update provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

11. SCHOOLS FORUM STANDING ITEMS (i)

Updates on the following Forum standing items will be provided verbally where these have not been covered within other agenda items:

Schools Forum membership

- Update from the High Needs Block Steering Group
- Update from the Schools Financial Performance Group (SFPG)
- Update on School / Academy Budgets
- Update from the Early Years Working Group (EYWG)
- Update from the Formula Funding Working Group (FFWG)
- Update on Primary School Places
- Update on Academies & Free Schools

The Forum is asked to note the information provided.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

12. AOB / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members will be asked for any additional items of business, for consideration at a future meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Forum meeting is planned for Wednesday 6 July 2022.

(a) Denotes an item for action (including where a formal view or recommendation is required).

(i) Denotes an item for information.

Signposting of High Needs Information

As per the schedule presented on 14 October 2020, “Forum members are expected to access ‘outside of the Forum meetings’ wider SEND information that is presented to other groups and that is already published, including information presented to the SEND Partnership. The Authority will signpost this information (webpage links) for Forum members at the bottom of agendas.”

- SEND Partnership Board (minutes of meetings):
<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/coproduction--feedback/send-strategic-partnership-board->