

## Schools' Forum Meeting

8 October 2014

### Attendees:

#### Members

Amanda Baines (ABa) (Diocese)  
Andrew Jordon (AJ) (Academies)  
Jan Brough (JB) (Small Deprived Primary with High Mobility)  
John Hardy (JH) (VA Primary Schools)  
Julie Deville (JD) (Academies)  
Julie Thomas (JT) (standing in for Andy Brown)  
Lynne Pawley (LP) (Middle Primary 250 – 349)  
Mandy Hall (MH) (standing in for Peter Cornforth)  
Marian Fairley (MF) (Multi-ethnic Primary Mobility Deprived)  
Mark Atkinson (MA) (Governors Primary)  
Mark Tilling (MT) (Secondary Schools)  
Michael Lee (ML) (Academies)  
Penny Barker (PB) (Secondary Schools)  
Peter McMahon (PM) (Student Support Unit)  
Sue Sharpe (SS) (Small Primary Schools <249)  
(Chair)

#### Local Authority Officers

Christine Lowson (CL) (Administrator)  
Dean Jackson (DJ) (Child & Adult Services)  
Joanne Smith (JS) (Children's Finance)  
Sandra Shears (SSh) (Children's Finance)

### Apologies:

Alex Fau-Goodwin (AF) (16 – 19 Provision)  
Andy Brown (ABr) (Larger Primary Deprived Schools)  
Anne Malcolm (AM) (Secondary Schools)  
Danielle Swainston (DS) (Early Years)  
Peter Cornforth (PC) (Larger Primaries > 350)  
Suzi Yeniceri (SY) (Early Years PVI)

Agenda Item		Action
1	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>  The minutes of the last meeting will be agreed at the meeting of 22 October 2014.	
2	<b>Matters Arising</b>  There were no matters arising to discuss.	

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Schools Funding Formula</b></p> <p>DJ reported that since the last meeting feedback from other Authorities has been received. DJ read an e-mail received from Julie Cordiner at Middlesbrough Council who is also a member of the National Steering Group. The e-mail informed that there is a flaw regarding the use of average values and advising caution with regard to the Government funding allocation model.</p> <p>It was noted that the guidance for Sparsity had been checked and that no schools were eligible.</p> <p>Finance tabled a paper with a further three scenarios which showed the impact of using a midpoint lump sum of £145k. JS explained the three scenarios on the paper.</p> <p>It was noted that MFG will be retained for the 2016/17 year but it is not known at what level.</p> <p>Some discussion took place around the scenarios tabled at both this and the previous meeting. It was noted that the key choices would be; do Forum accept the midpoint lump sum or not and do Forum accept MFL or not.</p> <p>Following some further discussion MT proposed that Forum disregard MFL. JD seconded this but asked colleagues to consider schools that have been hit hard over previous years.</p> <p>Some discussion then took place around does Forum make a decision between Option 1 and Option 3 or is more modelling required. It was noted that MFG will remain for all options and that all schools will receive a guaranteed 98.5% of the previous year's funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that finance work four models in total. Two models will be based on a lump sum of £175k and two models based on a lump sum of £145k. Each lump sum will be modelled on deprivation figures of 15.25% and 14.04% giving a total of four models. All models will be driven out using FMS6.</p> <p>The four models will be brought to the meeting of 22 October when a decision will have to be made around which model will be used for the 2015/16 year.</p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Space to Learn</b></p> <p>DJ asked if there was any further feedback from consultations that had been taking place. JH reported that the Diocesan schools view was that if SLAs were implemented the cost would be too great as not all schools would buy in.</p>	

	<p>It was requested that Forum be given some idea of the financial impact on budgets if funding for Space to Learn was returned to the overall funding pot.</p> <p>DJ reiterated the options noted at last week's meeting and explained that he has requested bottom line figures for continuing to run Space to Learn for a further twelve months.</p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>DJ</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business to note.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 22 October 2014, 9.30am – 1.00pm, The Croft Room, The Borough Hall.</p>	