

Schools' Forum Meeting

17 December 2018

Attendees:

Members

Alan Chapman (AC) (Academy - Special)
 Amanda Baines (ABa) (Primary Academy <25% FSM)
 David Turner (DT) (Small)
 Emma Espley (EE) (Secondary Schools)
 Helen O'Brien (HO) (Large <50%)
 Jo Heaton (JHe) (Diocese of Durham)
 Julie Thomas (JT) (Primary Academy >50% FSM)
 Lynne Chambers (LC) (Primary-Academy >25% >50% FSM)
 Mark Tilling (MT) (Secondary Schools)
 Mary Frain (MF) (VA Large)
 Penny Thompson (PT) (Early Years)
 Rachel Williams (RW) Diocese – Roman Catholic
 Sue Sharpe (SS) (Large Deprived) – **Chair**

Local Authority Officers

Mark Patton (MP) (Assistant
 Director Education)
 Jane Watt (JW) (Children's
 Finance)
 Eileen Larkin (EAL)
 (Administrator)

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1 Apologies</p> <p>Mark Hughes (MH) 16-19 Sector Christopher Simmons (CS) (Governor) Zoe Westley (ZW) (Special Schools) John Hardy (JH) (VA Small) Sandra Shears (SSh) (Children's Finance)</p>	
<p>2 Minutes from last Forum 5 December 2018 & Matters Arising</p> <p>2.1 <u>21 November 2018</u></p> <p>SS advised that letter regarding Statutory Duties Provided by the Local Authority was sent on Friday by SS.</p> <p>2.2 <u>5 December 2018</u></p> <p>Schools Capital Sub Group – Membership and Terms of Reference. JH advised that no interest was shown when this item was raised at the HT meeting on the 5 December 2018, therefore membership was to stay the same.</p> <p>2.3 AB referred to Schools Capital Sub Group and MP advised that Forum should decide on the representation comprising the sub group. MP to update distribution list to include AB in place of SS.</p>	

2.4	<p>MT requested an update on 2019/20 once the position with the Council's High Need's Block disapplication request is known. It was agreed that this will be picked up at the next meeting.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	MP
<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>4.0</p>	<p>Early Years Funding Formula, including outcome of consultation with providers</p> <p>The purpose of the report was to consult on the 2019/20 Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF), and to agree the funding rate for 2019/20.</p> <p>Schools' Forum had already approved the central element of spending at an earlier meeting on 21 November 2018.</p> <p>PT presented the report and advised Forum members that consultation with ALL providers had been extended as agreed at the last Forum meeting. The same consultation survey was used, but an accompanying email had been sent with the aim of obtaining an increased number of responses and also to provide further clarity on some of the survey questions. 50% of providers had replied to the extended consultation.</p> <p>PT referred to the report and explained the contents in a lot more detail.</p> <p>PT addressed a couple of questions that had been raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEN inclusion fund – K Rowntree deals with these applications and approval is sought at SEND CPP. 12 children are now in receipt of this funding this financial year. • SEN inclusion fund cannot be transferred to the High Needs Block because the EY regulations are clear that monies must target early intervention for low level, emerging needs rather than the higher needs covered by the HNB. <p>Recommendations 7a and 7b were referred to.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding the basis of the deprivation funding element, PT advised that the local authority preference is that it will not be postcode led but could be IDACI or some similar child-level measure. However, PT stressed that the method must be manageable from an administrative point of view. PT to bring some possibilities to a future Forum meeting (not January meeting).</p> <p>A vote was taken of those eligible to vote.</p> <p>All in favour – 13 Against – None Abstained – None</p>	

4	Agenda Items for Next Full Forum Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School balances survey • DSG funding updates • High needs funding, including update on disapplication request and impact on school IBS. 	
5	Any Other Business There was no further business.	
6	Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 21 January 2019	