

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2018

Tollbar Conference Centre

Present: David Hampson (DH) (Chair) David Kirven (DK)

Jane Aukett (JA) Alex Allenby (AA)
George Krawiec (GK) Christine Scott (CS)

Andy Zielinski (AZ) Cllr Kath Wheatley (KW)
Lorna Pendred (LP) Kim Stevens (KS) minutes

Peter Kennedy (PK)
Phil Hutchinson (PH)

Apologies: Kevin Gallacher, Roz Danks, Carole Harrison, Helen Hussey,

Allie Majer, Carol Shaw, Simon Overall, Gill Alton, Wendy Jackson

Action 8/18 Introductions and apologies Cllr Kath Wheatley introduced herself as the new Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education. Apologies- See above Minutes and matters arising of the meeting held on Tuesday 9/18 13th March 2018 Minutes agreed as a true record – proposed by GK, seconded by LP. DK informed that in future the Forum minutes will be placed on the NELC Website as draft to be accepted at the following meeting where DH will sign off. GK asked for an update on 0-19, whether it had been finalised and if so why hasn't the Forum or schools been informed as it had been agreed that consultation would take place with key stake holders. DK reported that he had an update from RD which has been shared with staff – please see attached.



It was discussed that any changes within MAPAS needed agreement from the Arts Council.

Action: DK to take back the query of why the Forum and schools had not been consulted on the 0-19 proposals

DK

10/18

S106 Briefing Note & Financial Contributions

CS talked through the Briefing note which led to the following questions:

- GK Section 106 is legally enforceable phasing of money should be phased within the agreement
- CS every case is different, all done on triggers therefore if they build then they must pay. The Housing Board agrees viability.
- GK How robust if getting the monies in and more importantly getting the money to schools
- CS confirmed that the process is very robust
- GK How many planning permissions have been passed and not built
- CS not able to say as not a planning officer
- JA increase in number of children in that particular area CS Need to evidence there is an increase of children in the area then the money can be used if not then the money has to be paid back to the developer
- DH re numbers, plotting for evidence is complex as numbers could change
- CS it's a moment in time
- DH when talking of build expansion in schools, what is the difference in maintained and Academies
- CS there is no difference
- DH New build problems with the DfE themselves. Tranche 12 application had been submitted but had been told submission was too late and the DfE had taken this opportunity to go to Tranche 13 and changed the criteria. Applications open on the

16th June and closes in September, have to provide a brief summary then asked to put an application bid in.

CS – Annual Return for Pupil Places and future capacity - now asking if 106 monies in play and asking for any 106's in the area and will take the money and we have no say to where they build.

GK – 13,000 new dwellings are planned but it has been reported in the local press that pupil numbers are going down in the area KW – the figures in the press had been incorrect, the paper had reported the figures given to them by the Council from the originators who won't correct the numbers until next year.

CS – the new housing developments would be more about primary places as the secondary population is very flued as pupils don't always attend their catchment area school. Laceby village has had significant housing built and places in schools increased.

GK – there has been significant housing developments built in neighbouring areas and we need to ensure monies come across the border to us.

CS confirmed that she is always available to discuss issues and answer any questions.

11/18 2017-18 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn position and Contingency Balance

The purpose of this report is to advise Schools Forum members on the 2017-18 DSG outturn position and overall contingency balance

Appendix A

Agency Placements – a discussion took place around the possibility of building a provision in NELC. DK reported that EBD establishment funding had been put aside but was never used and had since ben re-allocated within the High Needs block allocations that are presented to Forum each year. This had happened several years ago.

Action: GK requested that the LA be asked to provide a Business Case on the possibility of building a provision in NELC – DK to take this request back

DK

High Needs Block – DH commented that the BAC does an exceptional job and funding for this is provided by mainstream institutions. There is now a 2 tier system where mainstream schools have to pay for any additional places but other establishments, such as TAG, who have been put outside of the system by the DfE do not, this is causing a big issue as a consistent approach is needed.

Action: DK agreed to contact the DfE to discuss the implications of these regulations and report back at the next meeting

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Early Years SEN Support – LP has concerns over the number of children accessing the SEN Support Fund. Figures of children aged 0-5 who are accessing SEN Support need to be clear as this will impact on Primary Schools going forward.

The outturn position for the Early Years Block is net nil.

Consultation is being held re monthly payments, DK reported that this is currently paid quarterly and would increase administration.

AZ reported that the amount of EDHC's have trebled over the last few years and each one will need High Needs top up behind them, if we can't provide the places and other schools out of area are saying they are full the possible consequence of this will impact on Agency Placements.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Schools Forum note the 2017-18 DSG outturn position – noted.

12/18 2019-20 Schools Funding Formula Arrangements – verbal discussion

DK had attended a meeting in London and updated the Forum on the discussions held there. The September Forum will discuss whether the High Needs Block should be top sliced.

Action: The September Forum may need to be a one item agenda to discuss the High Needs Block

13/18	Any Other Business	
	DK reported that the ESFA Report on the implementation analysis of the 2018-19 Funding Formula has been delayed.	
	Action: DK to circulate the summary to members when it comes out	DK
14/18	Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 19th September, 1pm at Tollbar Conference Centre	

