



**Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Wellington Suite, Tollbar Conference Centre**

Present: George Krawiec (GK) Chair                      Phil Hutchinson (PH)  
 Louise Wilson (LW)                                      Roz Danks (RD)  
 Liz Jeffrey (LJ)    Paul Cordy (PC)  
 Jane Aukett (JA)     David Kirven (DK)  
 Allie Majer (AM)                                         Alex Allenby (AA)  
 Carol Shaw (CS)                                         Denise Faulconbridge (DF)  
 Andy Zielinski (AZ)                                     Kim Stevens (KS)  
 Kim Leach (KL)  
 Lorna Pendred (LP)

Apologies: David Hampson (DH), Trevor Wray (TW), Wendy Jackson (WJ),  
 Cllr Ros James (RJ), Jean Mason (Unison)

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies – see above</b>	
<b>2/16</b>	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true record – no matters arising</p>	
<b>3/16</b>	<p><b>DSG Financial Settlement 2016-17</b></p> <p><i>The purpose of this paper is to provide Schools Forum members with an update of the 2016-17 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) which was published by central government on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.</i></p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.</p> <p>Noted</p>	

<p>4/16</p>	<p><b>Fairer Funding Formula for Schools 2016-17 Update</b>  <i>The purpose of this note is to update and advise Schools Forum members of the impact of the APT October 2015 submission following receipt of the October 2015 Schools Census data. This data formed the basis of the FINAL APT submitted to the EFA by the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 which determine the 2016-17 Schools Funding Formula to be allocated to schools through the school block formula.</i></p> <p>It had been agreed at the last Schools Forum meeting that the SF Working Party would meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> January to look at any changes and agree the final submission – details of changes are highlighted in the attached document.</p> <p><b>Action: DK to present the EFA Report analysing how LA’s have implemented their Local Formulas at a future Forum</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation</b>          That Schools Forum confirm support for the final adjustments made – this was agreed.</p>	<p>DK</p>
<p>5/16</p>	<p><b>DfE Consultations – Schools National Funding Formula (Stage 1) &amp; High Needs Funding Formula &amp; other Reforms (Stage 1)</b>  <i>These consultations are the first of a two stage process. The deadline for the responses for both the consultation documents is the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Email to be sent to all headteachers/principals asking for any comments they would like to be considered to be sent to DK by the 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>          A working party to be set up, to include, GK, CS, KL, AM, LW &amp; RD, WJ</p> <p><b>Action: Working Party to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm</b></p> <p>GK thanked DK and AA for all the time they have dedicated to this.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>6/16</p>	<p><b>SEN Working Party Update – Primary BACs</b>  <i>A SEN Funding Working Group has been set up to look at options – this paper highlights what they looked at.</i></p> <p>GK commented that we may want to take another look at the Formula as to whether schools giving children another chance</p>	

	<p>should be given support. PC reported that we are supporting the pilot project to encourage schools to work in a restorative way, money may be available from the Government to support this.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Schools Forum agree to increase the number of primary alternative provision places from 30 to 36 at an additional cost to the High Needs Block of £101,000 per annum.</li> <li>2. Schools Forum approve the introduction of a charging process when schools are over their notional places and when all commissioned places have been used. This is in line with the process in place in relation to secondary BAC places.</li> </ol> <p>Members voted unanimously to support the above.</p>	
<p><b>7/16</b></p>	<p><b>SEN – High Needs Block Allocation 2016-17</b> <i>The purpose of this paper is to advise Schools Forum members of the proposed allocation of the High Needs Block (HNB) for 2016-17 and seek any comments they may have.</i></p> <p>LP commented that the SEN Early Years allocation has gone down significantly. DK updated that the spend has not come through, so the spend has been adjusted accordingly, this figure can be amended to reflect this. LP – this is taking time to come through so an increase may occur DK – work has been done and it seems reasonable at this time, will come back to Forum if there is pressure on this amount. AZ queried how much has been spent to date DK reported a projected spend of around £30k so has doubled the figure to £60k to cover the rest of the year.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> It is recommended that Schools Forum note the report.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
<p><b>8/16</b></p>	<p><b>S251 Benchmarking Data</b> <i>The purpose of the report is to advise Schools Forum members where they can access benchmarking costing information about</i></p>	

	<p><i>the Local Authority spend on educational activities and see how this compares to the national average.</i></p> <p>The link to this information is <a href="http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk">www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>There are no specific recommendations arising from the report. The report has been prepared to provide members with information to assist with understanding.</p>	
<p><b>9/16</b></p>	<p><b>Falling Roles Fund and Growth Fund Contingencies</b></p> <p><i>The purpose of this report is to recommend, subject to any comments Schools Forum may have, an amendment to one of the eligibility criteria of the above procedures to be applied in assessing whether a school applying to access such funding meets the eligibility criteria.</i></p> <p>The criteria as it is currently worded allows for a great deal of subjectivity which it is felt could be subject to challenge. Officers propose therefore that as a general guide where reserves are in excess of say 10% then this sum should be offset the requested or calculated sum.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>We would request Schools Forum to approve the above amendment to one of the eligibility criteria for both the falling rolls fund and the growth fund.</p> <p>Members voted unanimously to support the above.</p>	
<p><b>10/16</b></p>	<p><b>Early years Inclusion Fund</b></p> <p><i>The purpose of this report is to firstly describe the Early Years Inclusion Funding (EYIF) which was introduced in N.E. Lincs in 2015 to support Foundation Stage 1 (FS1) children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and secondly to outline the anticipated impact of the funding for the children supported, their early years settings and for the local authority.</i></p> <p>Report for information only – members noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>11/16</b></p>	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>GK passed on good wishes to DF, as this will be her last meeting and thanked her for all her work around SEN.</p>	

<p>12/16</p>	<p>PC reported that the post of Director of Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning has been approved at Full Council, and will go out to advert shortly.  <b>Action: PC to update at next Forum</b></p> <p><b>Action: GK requested that the Peer Review be discussed at the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm, Wellington Suite, Tollbar Conference Centre.</b></p>	<p><b>PC</b></p> <p><b>DK</b></p>
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