



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018

Wellington Suite, Tollbar Conference Centre

Present: David Hampson (DH) (Chair) Lorna Pendred (LP)
 George Krawiec (GK) Helen Hussey (HH)
 Kevin Gallacher (KG) Simon Overall (SO)
 Gemma Rylatt (GR) Roz Danks (RD)
 Allie Majer (AM) David Kirven (DK)
 Carol Shaw (CS) Alex Allenby (AA)
 Paul Kennedy (PK)

Apologies: Cllr Ros James (RJ), Phil Hutchinson (PH), Jane Aukett (JA),
 Kim Leach (KL), Wendy Jackson (WJ), Gill Alton (GA), Andy
 Zielinski (AZ), Carole Harrison (CH) Trevor Wray (TW).

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01/18	Introductions and apologies Apologies - see above Introductions – GR deputising for AZ and PK replacing TW.	
02/18	Minutes and matters arising of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 Minutes agreed as a true record – proposed AM, seconded SO. There were no matters arising.	

<p>03/18</p>	<p>DSG Financial Settlement 2018-19</p> <p>DK gave members an update on the 2018-19 financial settlement in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The DSG block amounts were explained in comparison to the previous year. DK explained that the High Needs Block increase of £0.572m. is a result of the funding formula changes.</p> <p>DK also explained the new Central Services School block (CSSB) and what that funded. Included within this block is the historic pension costs which was confirmed at £0.434m.</p> <p>DK requested that the Forum note the DSG 2018-19 DSG settlement which they duly did.</p>	
<p>04/18</p>	<p>Funding Formula for Schools 2018-19 update</p> <p>DK presented a report detailing the work undertaken by the Forum funding working party in preparing the formula for submission to DfE.</p> <p>The key items to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding into both sectors • All NFF values used except for the AWPU values as detailed in the report • Primary / secondary funding ratio maintained • 75.62% through basic pupil factors • 93% through pupil led factors • All but £8k of Schools block funding allocated to schools <p>DK confirmed that confirmation from DfE had been received on 6th February 2018 that NELC formula was fully compliant.</p> <p>DK advised that as higher AWPU values compared to the NFF values had been used this should be built into school bases going forward to mitigate the impact when NFF fully implemented. DK stressed however that on-going protection mechanisms couldn't be guaranteed.</p> <p>Discussions to take place around section 106 funding – how much had been received and how was it being utilised.</p> <p>Action point – RD to circulate S106 Funding Briefing note to Forum members.</p>	<p>RD</p>

<p>05/18</p>	<p>It was requested that Forum ratify the working party decisions in respect of the funding formula submission.</p> <p>Proposed GK, seconded AM, report noted and carried unanimously.</p> <p>SEN – High Needs Block allocation 2018-19</p> <p>DK presented a report detailing the proposed allocation of the High Needs Block. DK explained that the value of £17.862m was before the recoupment of the per place funding for the special and AP academies.</p> <p>DK worked through the spread sheet in detail explaining variances from the previous year. No increases are proposed to the top up bandings with the exception of band 4 no longer being used and having its value reduced to nil. Currently no children are assessed at this banding level.</p> <p>DK advised that this is the first time that the High Needs Block has been over allocated and that the shortfall is being met from BAC funding.</p> <p>DK advised that he now felt it necessary to start to have a conversation about how future shortfalls on the High Needs Block could be managed. He advised that he had mentioned a potential top slice of up to 0.5% of the Schools Block at the meeting on the 11th December however he stressed that the impact of the 0-19 review was not known and may release DSG High Needs Block funding to mitigate the shortfall.</p> <p>Forum requested that they be consulted on the 0-19 review.</p> <p>Action point – RD to enquire at the next board meeting whether the 0-19 review can be made available to Forum</p> <p>Discussions to place around home schooling, RD advised that a comprehensive report was presented recently to scrutiny, which could be circulated.</p> <p>Action point – RD to circulate the report.</p> <p>Further discussions took place around the BAC system, a meeting is due to be held with Secondary Heads on Monday 19th March 2018. DK advised as part of this meeting considerations need to be made regarding the funding available to meet demand such as an additional withdrawal of funding from</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
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	<p>schools on exclusion.</p> <p>DK went on to advise that an indicative overspend of £600k within the High Needs Block for 2017-18 is projected based on what we know now. AM proposed that a report detailing the areas of spend, highlighting both over and underspends along with explanations is presented at next Forum. GK seconded this – unanimously carried.</p> <p>Action point – RD and DK to prepare this report and how this will impact on the 0-19 review.</p>	
<p>06/18</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>DK confirmed Paul Cordy’s retirement at the end of March 2018. Steve Kay, Interim Director of Children’s Services will now be filling the DCS role.</p>	<p>RD/DK</p>
<p>07/18</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 4th July 2018, 1:00pm – apologies SO.</p> <p>Item for inclusion on agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG 2017-18 outturn report with particular emphasis on the High Needs Block. 	