

AGENDA

Meeting: Schools Forum

Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Thursday 16 January 2020

Time: 1.30 pm

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PART I

Items to be considered whilst the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies and Changes of Membership**

To note any apologies and changes to the membership of the Forum.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 12*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2019 (copy attached).

3 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chair.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

To note any declarations of interests.

5 **Updates from Working Groups** (*Pages 13 - 20*)

The Forum will be asked to note the updates from the following meetings:

- Early Years Reference Group – 6 January 2020
- Joint meeting of the School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group – 7 January 2020.

6 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2019-20** (*Pages 21 - 26*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to present the budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2019-20 as at 30th November 2019.

7 **School Budget Setting 2020-21**

To consider the budget for 2020/21.

The following update reports provide details on the overall funding settlement on each of the funding blocks, the decisions will be made after consideration of all the update papers via the decision matrix.

7a **Schools Revenue Funding 2020-21 - Funding Settlement and Budget Setting Process** (*Pages 27 - 32*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update the Forum on the schools revenue funding settlement and the budget setting process for 2020-21. It also outlines the funding settlement announced on 19 December 2019 and the impact on school budgets arising from the settlement.

7b **DSG Budget - Schools Block Update 2020-21 (Delegated Budget)**
(Pages 33 - 38)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update the Forum on issues relating to the schools delegated budget for 2020-21 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process.

7c **Dedicated Schools Grant - Early Years Block Update 2020-21**
(Pages 39 - 50)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update the Forum on issues related to the early years block for 2020-21 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process for 2020-21. The operational guidance for the early years block confirms that Schools Forums must be consulted on changes to local early years funding formulae, including agreeing central spend, although the final decision rests with the local authority.

7d **High Need Block Funding Update 2020-21** (Pages 51 - 54)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update Schools Forum on issues related to the high needs block for 2020-21 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process for 2020-21. Appendix 1 to the report (detailed modelling) is *to follow*. At the meeting there will be an update/presentation from Officers on behalf of the Director for Education & Skills.

7e **Central Schools Services Block Update 2020-21** (Pages 55 - 68)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update the Forum on issues relating to the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) budget for 2020-21 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process.

7f **School Budget Decisions 2020-21**

The Forum will be asked to consider the Schools Budgets for 2020-21 and make relevant decisions using the decisions matrix (which will be circulated at the meeting).

8 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

To confirm the dates of future meetings, as follows, all to start at 1.30pm:

26 March 2020
11 June 2020
15 October 2020
10 December 2020.

9 **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items of business, which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

PART II

Item(s) during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed