

AGENDA

Meeting: Schools Forum
Place: Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Date: Thursday 9 December 2021
Time: 1.30 pm

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PART I

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

1 **Apologies/Substitutions and Changes of Membership**

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

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 24*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2021 (copy attached).

3 **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chair.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

To note any declarations of interests.

5 **Public Participation**

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6 **Updates from Working Groups** (*Pages 25 - 38*)

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

- Joint meeting of the School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group – 29 November 2021 – attached.
- Early Years Reference Group – 17 November 2021 – attached.

7 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2021/22** (*Pages 39 - 44*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to present budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2021/22 as at 31st October 2021.

8 **National Funding Formulae for Schools and High Needs - 2022-23** (*Pages 45 - 50*)

The report of Grant Davis and Bea Seggari (Schools Strategic Support Team) seeks 'in principle' decisions from members of Schools Forum with regards to the Wiltshire funding formula for the 2022-23 year.

9 **Dedicated Schools Grant Consultations 2022-23** (*Pages 51 - 58*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update Schools Forum with the results of the recent Autumn consultations relating to de-delegation of central services and transfer of funds from Schools Block to High Needs Block.

10 **Update from High Needs Working Group** (*Pages 59 - 62*)

The minutes of the meeting of the High Needs Block Working Group meeting held on 9 November 2021 are attached. Schools Forum will also receive an update on behalf of the Working Group and there will be an update on the Independent Special School review.

11 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Early Years, Central School Services and High Needs Block Update 2022-23** (*Pages 63 - 72*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children & Education) seeks to update Schools Forum on issues related to the early years, central school services and high needs blocks for 2022-23 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process for the 2022-23 financial year.

12 **Allocation of Funding for Growth Fund 2022-23** (*Pages 73 - 78*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks agreement on the methodology for allocating funding for pupil growth from the school's block growth fund in 2022-23.

13 **Consultation on the Future Funding of School Improvement Services**

Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) to provide members

of Schools Forum with an update on the Department for Education's consultation "Reforming how local authority school improvement functions are funded". In addition, Grant will provide members with the results of a local consultation regarding the future funding of School Improvement Services for maintained schools. *(The consultation closes on 6th December 2021; this paper will be to follow).*

14 **Covid Updates**

Schools Forum will receive a verbal update on Covid costs and funding Schools and Early Years settings from Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) and Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children & Education).

15 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

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

20 January 2022
17 March 2022 (if required)
9 June 2022
6 October 2022
8 December 2022

16 **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items of business, which the Chair 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