

AGENDA

Meeting: Schools Forum

Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Thursday 19 January 2023

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 Schools Forum.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 16*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2022 (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**

Schools Forum welcomes contributions from members of the public who are able to ask questions or make a statement in relation to the responsibilities and functions of the Forum at each meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to this at the start of each meeting, and each question or statement should last no longer than 3 minutes. Please register with the Officer named on this agenda, and in accordance with the deadlines below.

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Questions

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions to the Officer named on the front of this agenda **no later than 5pm on Thursday 12 January 2023** to allow a response to be formulated. Questions are limited to a maximum of 2 per person/organisation. A response will be given as either a direct oral answer or a written reply. Questions must not require the disclosure of confidential information. The Chair's ruling on rejection of a question is final.

6 **Updates from Working Groups** (*Pages 17 - 20*)

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

- Early Years Reference Group – 6 January 2023 – *to follow*.
- Joint meeting of the School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group – 9 January 2023 – *attached*.

7 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2022-23** (*Pages 21 - 26*)

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 2022-23 as at 30 November 2022.

8 **High Needs Block Update**

Cate Mullen (Head of SEND and Inclusion) will give a verbal update on behalf of the High Needs Block working group.

9 **Additional School Capital Funding for 2022-23 - Funding and Methodology** (*Pages 27 - 30*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update Schools Forum and outline the level of additional capital funding and how it will be allocated to schools in the 2022-23 year.

10 **School Budget Setting 2023-24**

To consider the budget for 2023-24.

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.

10a **School Revenue Funding 2023-24 - Funding Settlement and Budget Setting Process** (*Pages 31 - 38*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update Schools Forum on the revenue funding settlement and the budget setting process for 2023-24.

10b **Dedicated Schools Grant - Early Years Block Update 2023-24 (Indicative Allocations)** (*Pages 39 - 48*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update Schools Forum on issues relating to the early years block for 2023-24 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process for 2023-24.

10c **Dedicated Schools Budget - Central School Services Block Update 2023-24** (*Pages 49 - 60*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update

Schools Forum on issues relating to the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) budget for the 2023-24 financial year and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process.

10d **Dedicated Schools Budget - Schools Block Update 2022-23
(Delegated Budget)** (Pages 61 - 66)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update Schools Forum on issues relating to the schools delegated budget for 2023-24 and the decisions that need to be made as part of the budget setting process.

10e **Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MASG) 2023-24 - Funding
and Methodology** (Pages 67 - 68)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to update Schools Forum and outline the level of additional funding and how it will be allocated to schools in the 2023-24 year.

10f **Dedicated Schools Budget - High Needs Block Update 2023-24**
(Pages 69 - 76)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to update Schools Forum on issues relating to the high needs block for 2023-24 and the decisions that will need to be made as part of the budget setting process for 2023-24. *Please note that appendices 2 and 4 are to follow.*

11 **School Budget Decisions 2023-24**

Schools Forum will be asked to consider the School Budgets for 2023-24 and make relevant decisions using the decisions matrix.

12 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

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

- 16 March 2023 (if required) (Planned to be via Microsoft Teams)
- 8 June 2023 (Planned to be via Microsoft Teams)
- 5 October 2023 (Planned to be via Microsoft Teams)
- 7 December 2023 (Planned to be face to face).

13 **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