



# Sandwell

Metropolitan Borough Council

## Minutes of the Schools Forum

**Held on Monday 07th September 2015 at 5.00 p.m.**  
**Oldbury Council House, Committee Room 2**

**Members Present:** D Barton, G Linford, S Marshall, D Fereday, S Harvey, G Angel, B Banks, P Shone, T Bowen, B Patel, P Thompson, A Sahota, R Challoner, L Rouse, P Jones, A Timmins, C Gallant, A Orgill

**Officers Present:** Ms R Kerr, Prakash Patel and Darren Carter (Finance), Mr C Ward.

**Apologies:** K Bickley, S Topper, D Meredith, R Rickus, N Stanley (resigned from forum)

**Observers:** Mr I Iqbal

### **Agenda Item 1 - Apologies**

As Above.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Declaration of Interest**

None

### **Agenda Item 3 – Minutes Of previous Meeting**

Pat Evans responses are to be moved to an appendix for the minutes dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

Pat Evans response to the first question was queried by D Fereday asking if the New Arrivals pupils concerned should be registered at a school.

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The Chair responded based on her experience on this issue at their school. She stated that until an Education Plan is completed the pupils will not be on a school roll.

Chris Ward also added that the authority is introducing a new process by Christmas to deal with the new arrivals and using the admissions process. There are plans to have a centre to accommodate the pupils, this has yet to be submitted and approved by Cabinet.

The members wish to revisit the annual consultation report, and wish this to be brought back to the next meeting to address the following questions:

- *The number of placements at individual schools during the last 12 months.*
- *Identification of where the pupils were eventually placed.*
- *If children are out of education, how long for, whether they are EAL and/or SEN and what is the trend. Information required over a 3 year period.*

S Marshall queried whether the school balances report and noted that a report has not come back to forum members on community balances and this should be brought to the next meeting.

Item 10, page 5 of previous minutes – the correct ratio figure should be changed from 1:1.13 to 1:1.26.

**Agenda Item 4 – Schools Revenue Funding 2016/17**  
**Consultation**

Rose Kerr outlined the report and informed forum that the submission deadline for exceptional premises factor request is the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The submission applies to Shireland Collegiate Academy who do not have their own facilities for PE & sports. A final decision will be made at the next forum meeting on whether the exceptional premises factor to be included in Sandwell's Funding formula.

Seven de-delegated proposals to be considered by maintained schools. S Marshall indicated that no Secondary schools amount had been included in the consultation for Union facilities time and that the proposal needs to be updated to include this.

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Members also highlighted that governors were not always made aware of the schools funding consultation document and every effort should be made by the authority to email the document to all governors.

Lead officers for the De-delegation proposals need to provide a rationale for the apportionment of costs between primary and secondary schools.

Vote to issue Schools Funding Consultation 2016/17 document to all stakeholders.

15 in Favour 0 Against 1 abstain

**Agenda Item 5 – Item Postponed**

**Agenda Item 6 – Pupil Premium – Whiteheath Education Centre**

R Challoner outlined the report detailing that Whiteheath Education Centre to invoice schools, as appropriate, for pupils placed at the centre, in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Forum approved this process.

**Agenda Item 7 – De-Delegated Outturn 2015/16**

R Kerr outlined the report on how the De-delegated budgets were used in 2014-15.

It was recommended and agreed that the balance of Pupil Number Growth Contingency overspend of £124,602 in 2014-15 is to be offset by the surplus balances identified in the report leaving a underspend of £158,019 to be carried forward and distributed to schools in 2016/17

14 in Favour 0 Against 2 abstain

**Agenda Item 8 – School Forum Membership Model**

C Ward outlined the report asking for feedback on a new proposed model for School Forum membership.

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Ms S Marshall highlighted that union representatives should be part of the forum due to large budgets involved and that the unions are a voice for the workforce and stakeholders.

Mr C Ward answered why there was no Primary or Secondary governor reps from academy's on the proposed model this was due that they are not a statutory requirement. No target date has been set but a timeline will be published for the next agenda, any feedback for the model is welcomed and can be emailed to Mr C Ward directly.

Mr P Jones raised concern that the proposed model of 16 members maybe too small and 20 could be more suitable.

**Agenda Item 10 – AOB**

A Orgil queried whether additional needs A funding has been given to schools, R Kerr to repond to the query.

**The meeting was called to a close at 6.45pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 5pm at Orchard School, Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, B68 8LD**

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