



Sandwell

Metropolitan Borough Council

Minutes of the Schools Forum

Held on Monday 18th September 2017 at 2.30 p.m.
Oldbury Council House, Committee Room 2

Members Present: R Kentish, P Jones, A Orgill, P Thompson, P Shone, A Burns, J Smallman, D Redmond, N Toplass, D Hawkins,

Officers Present: R Kerr, C Ward, P Patel, J Gill, A Timmins

Apologies: B Patel, A Sahota, C Walsh, M McMahon, A Cysewski, K Bickley

Observers: R Fisher

31/17 **Agenda Item 1 - Apologies**

As Above.

32/17 **Agenda Item 2 – Declaration of Interest**

None

33/17 **Agenda Item 3 – Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for the forum held on the 19th June 2017 were agreed.

34/17 **Agenda Item 4 – De-delegated & Historic Commitments Outturn 2016/17**

R Kerr outlined the report informing members of the balances and how the deficit would be funded.

Forum members noted the report and agreed to the recommendations.

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Agenda Item 5 – Pupil Number Growth Flowchart Update

R Kerr outlined the report informing members of the amendments to the flow chart.

A Burns asked if once the information on the census is available could this be used to calculate which school would receive Pupil Number Growth (PNG) R Kerr highlighted that the information is draft and has not been confirmed so it would not be used to make the calculation for the PNG.

A Burns asked if the school would need to provide details of additional cost that relate to the increase in pupil numbers. C Ward informed the group that schools applications would be required to provide the details of the additional costs except where schools that have an increase in 30 plus pupils.

R Kentish asked how the excepted pupils costs are calculated and who is responsible for providing the information. R Kerr informed the group that the information is provided from the Admissions team. It was agreed that a report from the Admissions detailing excepted pupils to be bought back to the next meeting.

Members agreed the flow chart to be amended and include a timeline, the revised update will be bought to the next meeting.

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Agenda Item 6 – Fair Funding Scheme Updates

R Kerr outlined the report.

Members approved the updates for the Fair Funding Scheme

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Agenda Item 7- SEN High Needs Block 2017/18 In Year Adjustments

C Ward tabled a report informing members that the HNB is projected to overspend in 2017/18 by £1.7m. The current overspend will be funded from £0.5m from HNB reserves and £1.2m from Early Years. No in year cuts will be applied in 2017/18.

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For 2018/19 a summary of proposed reductions was presented.

Category	Allocation	Reduction	Saving
Central recharges	678,000	25%	169,525
Contribution to CWD	119,700	20%	23,940
Contribution to Social Care	500,000	20%	100,000
Further Education	2,300,000	10%	230,000
Primary PRU top up	238,400	7%	16,688
Secondary PRU top up	587,600	7%	41,132
Focus Provision top up	1,638,800	7%	114,716
Mainstream top up	6,226,600	7%	435,862
Special Schools top up	8,555,700	4%	342,228
SEND and Inclusion	3,227,900	4%	129,116
Total			1,603,207

Members were asked to vote on and the outcome of the vote was as follows

9 in Favour. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions

38/17 **Agenda Item 8 – Schools Revenue Budgets**

C Ward tabled the report and informed members of changes in funding for 2018/19.

The contents of the report were noted by forum members.

39/17 **Agenda Item 9 – National Fair Funding Conference**

R Kerr gave a verbal update informing members of the National Fair Conference being held on the 19/10/2017 in Birmingham. P Thomson, A Burns and D Redmond nominated their business managers to attend the conference.

40/17 **Agenda Item 10 – Re-Schedule School Forum Meeting**

R Kerr proposed to move school's forum from the 16/10/2017 to the 31/10/2017.

Members agreed to the change of date.

The meeting was called to a close at 3.45pm

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