



Schools Forum minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on Tuesday 7 December 2021 in MS Teams Virtual Meeting, commencing at 1.30 pm and concluding at 3.20 pm.

Members present

Ms J Antrobus, Ms J Cochrane, Ms P Coppins, A Cranmer, Ms S Cromie, Ms J Freeman, Mr A Gillespie, Mr D Hood, Mrs J Male, Mr K Patrick, Mrs D Rutley, Ms E Stewart, Ms K Tamlyn, Mr B Taylor and Ms J Watson

Agenda Item

1 **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all of the basic etiquette for a MS Teams meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Ms J Pearce- Waterside Primary Academy
Mr H Beveridge- Long Crendon School
Mr S Sneesby- Kite Ridge School

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2021 were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

The actions from the meeting held on 12 October 2021 were reviewed and **AGREED** as completed or carried forward as below.

Action	To be Actioned By	Completion Date
To change him/her to they throughout the SF Constitution	Ms C Beevers	Next Schools Forum Meeting
To amend numbering typos in the SF Constitution	Ms C Beevers	Next Schools Forum Meeting
To draft a letter to MP re funding issues	Mr K Patrick/Mr S James	ASAP

5 Update from SFFG

Ms K Tamlyn- Chairman of the Schools Forum Funding Group gave an overview of the SFFG meeting. The action notes were appended to the minutes.

6 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)- Buckinghamshire Council gave an overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to note the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of October.

Resolved:

Schools Forum **NOTED** the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of October.

Action	To be Actioned By	Completion Date
To pull together placement numbers for a 3-5-year time period.	Ms E Williams/Ms H Slinn	Next Schools Forum Meeting & DSG Management Group

7 School Budget Proposals 2022-23

Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)- Buckinghamshire Council gave an overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to:

- Note the information set out in the report, including the accompanying appendices, showing indicative allocations for 2022-23. (Note that modelling is based on October 2020 census data. Final DSG allocations are due in December 2021 and will be updated for October 2021 census data.)
- To note the indicative funding allocations for the Central Schools Services Block and the High Needs Block for 2022-23.

Resolved:Schools Forum **RESOLVED TO:**

- a. To **NOTE** the information set out in the report, including the accompanying appendices, showing indicative allocations for 2022-23. (Note that modelling is based on October 2020 census data. Final DSG allocations are due in December 2021 and will be updated for October 2021 census data.)
- b. To **NOTE** the indicative funding allocations for the Central Schools Services Block and the High Needs Block for 2022-23.

Action	To be Actioned By	Completion Date
To add Growth fund document/report to public domain for the Schools Forum Members	Ms E Williams	Next Schools Forum Meeting

8 De-delegation 2022-23

Ms J Freeman- Chairman of the DE-Delegation Group overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

To consider and agree the proposals for de-delegation in 2022-23 based on the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B to this report.

Resolved:

Schools Forum **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** the proposals for de-delegation in 2022-23 based on the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B to this report.

Vote:

The forum unanimously AGREED the vote.

Action	To be Actioned By	Completion Date
To confirm Trade Union representatives' rights re input at Schools Forum Meetings.	Ms E Williams	Next Schools Forum Meeting

9 Report from the DSG Spending Review Group

Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)- Buckinghamshire Council gave an overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to note the recommendations for investment in early intervention and support agreed by the DSG Spending Review Group for inclusion in the budget setting for the High Needs Block in 2022-23.

Resolved:

Schools Forum **NOTED** the recommendations for investment in early intervention and support agreed by the DSG Spending Review Group for inclusion in the budget setting for the High Needs Block in 2022-23.

10 Special School Top Up Allocations 2022-23 - request to disapply the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee

Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)- Buckinghamshire Council gave an overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to agree to apply for a disapplication to the special school Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2022-23.

Resolved:

Schools Forum **AGREED** to apply for a disapplication to the special school Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2022-23.

Vote:

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Resolved: Unanimously AGREED.

11 Update on F40 Group

Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)- Buckinghamshire Council gave an overview of the report provided.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum is asked to note the correspondence from the F40 group to the Department for Education highlighting the cost implications of Covid-19 for schools and local authorities.

Resolved:

Schools Forum **NOTED** the correspondence from the F40 group to the Department for Education highlighting the cost implications of Covid-19 for schools and local authorities.

12 AOB

There were no items of AOB.

- 13 Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 18 January 2021- 1.30pm
MS Teams Meeting