



## Schools Forum minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 in MS Teams Virtual Meeting, commencing at 1.30 pm and concluding at 3.00 pm.

### Members present

Ms J Antrobus, CllrA Cranmer, Ms S Cromie, Ms J Freeman, Mr A Gillespie, Mr D Hood, Mrs J Male, Mr K Patrick, Mrs D Rutley, Mrs E Stewart, Ms K Tamlyn, Mr B Taylor, Ms J Watson, Ms S Bayliss, Ms C Beevers, Mr H Beveridge, Mrs G Bull, Mr J Carter, Ms J Divers, Mr G Drawmer, Ms S Fahey, Ms C Glasgow, Mr E Hillyard, Ms N Lovegrove, Mr R Page, Mr A Sherwell, Ms H Slinn, Ms F Smalley, Ms S Stephens, Mr R Tucker and Ms E Williams

### 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:

Mr S Sneesby- Kite Ridge School

Ms J Cochrane- Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School

Ms P Coppins- Manor Farm Community Infant School

Ms J Pearce- Waterside Primary Academy

Mr S James- Director for Education, Buckinghamshire Council.

#### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Mr K Patrick declared an interest in item 9.

#### 4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

The actions from the meeting held on 18 January 2022 were reviewed and **AGREED** as completed or carried forward as below.

Action	Deadline	To be actioned by
For Maintained Schools representatives to consider inviting Union representatives to future meetings	Next Maintained Schools Meeting	Maintained Schools Sub Committee

#### 5 Update from the 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.

##### **Recommendation:**

Schools Forum is asked to note the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of January (Period 10).

##### **Resolved:**

Schools Forum **NOTED** the revenue budget monitoring forecast at the end of January (Period 10).

#### 7 Schools Budget Update

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

##### **Recommendations:**

- a) Schools Forum is asked to note that Buckinghamshire schools' local funding formula model and growth methodology as agreed by Schools Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 received political ratification on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and has been cleared by the DfE.
- b) Schools Forum is asked to note that Ministerial approval has been received for the request to disapply the Minimum Funding Guarantee for special schools for the 2022-23 financial year.

**Resolved:**

- a) Schools Forum **NOTED** that Buckinghamshire schools' local funding formula model and growth methodology as agreed by Schools Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 received political ratification on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and has been cleared by the DfE.
- b) Schools Forum **NOTED** that Ministerial approval has been received for the request to disapply the Minimum Funding Guarantee for special schools for the 2022-23 financial year.

**8 Report from the Contingency Panel**

Mr D Hood- Chairman of the Contingency panel gave an overview of the report provided.

**Recommendations:**

- 1. Schools Forum is asked to note the outcomes of the Schools Specific Contingency Panel meeting
- 2. Schools Forum is asked to approve the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for implementation in the 2022-23 financial year.

**Resolved:**

- 1. Schools Forum **NOTED** the outcomes of the Schools Specific Contingency Panel meeting
- 2. Schools Forum **APPROVED** the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for implementation in the 2022-23 financial year.

**9 DSG Spending Review Group**

Verbal update provided by Ms E Williams, Head of Finance (Children's Services)-Buckinghamshire Council.

Action	To be Actioned By	Deadline
To respond if documents are received for review from the Review Group	All Schools Forum Members	ASAP

**10 F40 Update**

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 latest campaign priorities for the F40 Group.

**Resolved:**

Schools Forum **NOTED** the latest campaign priorities for the F40 Group.

Action	To be Actioned By	Deadline
To confirm the F40 representative.	Ms E Williams	Next Schools Forum meeting.

**11 AOB**

There were no items of AOB.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28 June 2022- 1.30pm  
MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## Schools Forum Funding Group

### Action Notes for meeting held on 07 March 2022

Agenda item number	Action	To be completed by	Completion date
<b>3</b>	<b>Revenue Budget Monitoring</b>		
<b>3</b>	To update wording under point 1, to clarify.	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>
<b>3</b>	That proposals from the DSG Review Group be brought to the March Schools Forum meeting for decision in principle so that any actions in relation to Early Intervention for September can be implemented	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>

<b>4</b>	<b>Schools Budget Update</b>		
<b>4</b>	To add in an additional point to let members know that supplementary grant details are still to be received .	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>
<b>4</b>	To add an additional statement on supplementary grant for special schools into the report to ensure Special Schools are aware of their position.	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>
<b>4</b>	To add a comment if not heard back from the minister with a decision on the Specials School disapplication.	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>

<b>5</b>	<b>F40 Update</b>		
<b>5</b>	To clarify if papers can be presented at the SF meeting	<b>Ms E Williams</b>	<b>SF Meeting</b>

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