

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting title: Nottinghamshire Schools Forum
Date and time: 19 September 2017, 2pm to 4pm
Location: National Watersports Centre, NG12 2LU

Membership

'A' denotes absence

	Ms A Allcock	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Bassetlaw)
	Mrs H Atkins	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Mansfield) – (Vice Chair)
	Mrs H Richardson	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Newark)
A	Ms L Regan	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Ashfield)
	Ms L Toom	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Rushcliffe)
	Mr A Nash	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Broxtowe)
	Ms Anne Hall	Maintained Primary Representative (Gedling)
A	Vacancy	Maintained Secondary Head Teacher
	Mr M Davies	Academy Representative
A	Ms D Clinton	Academy Representative
	Mr D Vasey	Academy Representative
	Mr J McGeachie	Academy Representative
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	Ms D Wigley	Special School Head Teacher
	Mr A O'Malley	Academy Special School Head Teacher
	Mr T Colton	Governor - Maintained Secondary
A	Ms V Holland	Governor - Maintained Primary
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	Ms C Walton	PVI - Early Years Group Member
	Ms K O'Connell	PVI - Early Years Group Member
	Mr C Cuomo	Diocesan Representative - (Chair)
	Ms C Meese	Diocesan Representative
A	Ms L Maddison	Trades Union Representative
	Mr J Jefferies	Trades Union Representative

In attendance:

Mr C Pettigrew	Corporate Director – Children, Families and Cultural Services
Mrs M Clay	Service Director – Education Standards & Inclusion
Mrs S Summerscales	Senior Finance Business Partner, CFCS Finance
Mrs L Foster	Acting Group Manager – Support to Schools Service
Ms J Norman	Group Manager – Integrated Childrens Disability Service
Mr M Rooney	Team Manager – SEND
Ms K Hughman	Team Manager – Fair Access
Mr S Hawkins	Finance Business Partner, CFCS Finance

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Carlo Cuomo welcomed all members to the meeting.</p>													
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Louise Regan, Debbie Clinton and Val Holland and forum were informed that Donna Trusler had resigned from her position as an Academy representative.</p>													
3.	<p>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</p> <p>Helen Atkins nominated Carlo Cuomo to continue in his role as chair of the Schools Forum. Chris Walton seconded the nomination.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="233 551 1305 622"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> <th>Abstentions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Chris Walton nominated Helen Atkins to continue in her role as vice chair of the Schools Forum. Karen O'Connell seconded the nomination.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="233 788 1305 860"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> <th>Abstentions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Ly Toom arrived at the meeting.</p>	For	Against	Abstentions	11	0	0	For	Against	Abstentions	11	0	0	<p>ACTION</p>
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4.	<p>Minutes of the Schools Forum 19th September 2017</p> <p>Item 3a TETC Sue Summerscales told the forum that the development workers were only working on the TETC support programme. Helen Atkins asked for clarification of when this had been communicated to schools. It was agreed that Steve Edwards would attend the next full forum meeting in December to clarify and answer further questions on this matter.</p> <p>Item 4j - Schools Forum membership</p> <p>Carlo Cuomo explained that the forum has numerous vacancies and asked that members encourage others to join.</p> <p>Dick Vasey asked for a list of vacancies to be emailed to forum members. – please see list attached to minutes</p> <p>Dick Vasey also stated the importance of having members representing all geographical areas of the County.</p> <p>Claire Meese arrived at the meeting.</p>	<p>SE</p> <p>SS</p>												
5.	<p>Item 5a – 2018/19 Schools Funding and Local Funding Formula Consultation</p> <p>Sue Summerscales introduced a report and explained some of the key points of the Secretary of States announcement from July 2017. Sue explained that the report had preceded the National Funding Formula announcement made by the ESFA on the 15 September.</p> <p>Dick Vasey told the forum that his academy's published baseline did not match their 2017/18 funding.</p>													

<p>Sue explained that NCC had been unable to reconcile many academies' baselines and that a query had been submitted to the ESFA.</p> <p>Joe Jeffries asked members to be mindful that figures published by the ESFA were only illustrative</p> <p>Joe also explained that the Secretary of State's announcement had not explained what would happen to the funding formula from 2020/21.</p> <p>Sue Summerscales initiated a discussion around the options available for funding Nottinghamshire's schools and academies in 2018/19.</p> <p>The general consensus of the forum was that it would be better to adopt the National Funding Formula as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed that the NCC would model indicative allocations under the current Local Funding Formula to compare to the National Funding Formula.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>That the Schools Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Consider and comment on the consultation options proposed. – It was agreed that NCC would consult on continuing with the current local funding formula or transitioning to the National Funding Formula (as closely as possible). 2) Consider the establishment of a working group to make recommendations about the best transitional approach for 2018-19. – It was decided that this was not needed. 3) Approve in principal the proposed timetable for the local consultation. – the proposed timetable was approved. 	
<p>Item 5b - Independent Non Maintained Schools/ Alternative Provision budget pressure</p> <p>Linda Foster presented a report and explained the data in appendix 2.</p> <p>Linda explained the significant pressure on the High Needs Block that was emerging and the importance of carrying out a full High Needs Block review in order to help mitigate this.</p> <p>Linda explained that the pressures on the HNB are not unique to Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Chris Walton asked why if Nottinghamshire were in need of extra Special School places, the expressions of interest in two new schools had been rejected by the ESFA.</p> <p>Matt Rooney explained that other Local Authority's need for places has been scored more highly by ESFA.</p> <p>James Mcgeachie asked if INM's offer was different to that of Nottinghamshire's Special Schools.</p> <p>Jill Norman explained that in some cases it is, but children are sometimes placed in INMS/AP due to a tribunal.</p> <p>Adrian O Malley explained that it is difficult for Nottinghamshire's Special Schools to match the provision of INM due to funding and that investment would be needed if they wished to do so.</p>	

Dick Vasey asked if there were plans for any AP Free Schools in Nottinghamshire.

Linda explained that there was not currently but that MATs had been showing signs of interest.

Dick Vasey stated that the increasing expenditure on INM and AP raises questions around the impact that the Behaviour Partnerships are having.

Linda confirmed that the partnerships would be part of the full review.

Sue Summerscales explained that the Non ISB reserve would be sufficient to cover the current predicted overspend for 2017/18 but would not be able to cover it if it were to occur again in 2018/19.

Anne Hall stated that this should be dealt with by ESFA if it is a national issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Note the financial position of the 2017-18 High Needs Block and the forecast overspend – report was noted
- 2) Agrees, in principle, to include a proposal in the 2018-19 local funding formula consultation to transfer up to 0.5% from the school block to the High Needs block to increase the High Needs Block allocation.

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- 3) Works in partnership with the Local Authority to carry out a comprehensive review of the distribution, use and impact of current funding in the High Needs Block. The aim of this review would be for pupils to access the most appropriate type of provision in order that *best value* is achieved from the High Needs Block.

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It was agreed that NCC would use the HN Strategic grant to employ a consultant to carry out the review as soon as possible.

Item 5c – SEND Specialist Provision Capital Grant

Matt Rooney introduced the paper and explained the timetable for the consultation.

Recommendations

1. That Schools Forum notes the need to consult regarding the spending of the Specialist Provision Capital Grant.

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2. That Schools Forum notes that any increase in special school places in the county special school places in the county will require funding from the High Needs Block

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6.	Any Other Business There was no other business			
7.	Confidentiality No items were identified as confidential.			
8.	Date and time of next meeting <table border="1" data-bbox="183 638 1241 683"> <tr> <td>Thursday 7th December 2017</td> <td>2-4pm National Watersports Centre</td> </tr> </table>	Thursday 7 th December 2017	2-4pm National Watersports Centre	
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