

Meeting title: Nottinghamshire Schools Forum
Date and time: 18 October 2018, 2pm to 4pm
Location: National Watersports Centre, NG12 2LU

Membership

'A' denotes absence

	Mr A Rossington	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Gedling)
	Mrs H Atkins	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Mansfield) – (Vice Chair)
A	Ms L Regan	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Ashfield)
	Ms L Toom	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Rushcliffe)
A	Ms L Corner-Brown /	
A	Adrian Nash	Maintained Primary Head Teacher (Broxtowe)
	Vacancy	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Vacancy	Maintained Secondary Head Teacher
	Ms Anne Hall	Academy Representative
	Mr D Bell	Academy Representative
	Mr J MacDonald	Academy Representative
	Mr N Holmes	Academy Representative
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A	Ms D Wigley	Special School Head Teacher
	Vacancy	Academy Special School Head Teacher
A	Ms A Williams	Governor Maintained Primary
	Ms F Jones	Governor Maintained Primary
A	Mr M Thixton	Governor Maintained Primary
	Mr T Colton	Governor Maintained Secondary
	Vacancy	Governor
	Ms K O'Connell	PVI - Early Years Group Member
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A	Mr C Cuomo	Diocesan Representative - (Chair)
	Ms C Meese	Diocesan Representative
	Mr J Jefferies	Trades Union Representative
A	Ms L Maddison	Trades Union Representative

In attendance:

Mrs M Clay	Service Director – Education Learning and Skills
Mr L Jones	Service Director – Commissioning and Resources C&FS
Mrs I Kakoullis	Group Manager – Early Childhood Services
Mrs S Summerscales	Senior Finance Business Partner, Children & Families Finance
Mrs T Gardner (Clerk)	Assistant Account, Children & Families Finance

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Helen Atkins welcomed all members to the meeting.</p>							
	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Lynn Corner-Brown, Dawn Wigley, Carlo Cuomo, Linda Foster, Colin Pettigrew, Mark Thixton, Lorraine Maddison and Amanda Williams.</p>							
2.	<p>2a – Trade Union Facilities – Financial Year 2018-19 & 2019-20</p> <p>Marion Clay presented the paper.</p> <p>Helen Atkins mentioned that if there was a dispute with a member of staff, they have a legal right to a union rep. If there was no local arrangement a school would need to wait for a National representative which lengthens the procedure.</p> <p>Joe Jefferies explained that the money that is de-delegated from schools is not given to unions but paid to schools so that they can release a union representative.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION/S</p> <p>That the Schools Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of the report <p>Report was noted</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained Primary School members agree for the de-delegation of trade union facilities funding to be included in 2019-20 schools funding formula consultation. <table border="1" data-bbox="185 1126 1294 1198"> <thead> <tr> <th>Votes for</th> <th>Votes against</th> <th>Abstentions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Claire Meese arrived for the meeting</p>	Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	3	0	0	ACTION
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	<p>2b – Early Years DSG Funding Central Expenditure</p> <p>Irene Kakoullis presented the paper.</p> <p>Karen O’Connell fully supports the paper presented and explained the situation that was facing childcare establishments around Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Karen Richards explained that the biggest impact on settings are high level needs children which are being subsidised by the PVI sector.</p> <p>Sue Summerscales advised members that there were financial implications, the decision would impact on the Non ISB Reserve deficit, and any decision would be in principle.</p> <p>Ly Toom pointed out that schools were in the same the position where they are having to subsidise high level needs pupils.</p> <p>Marion Clay asked if the 1p increase was agreed would both providers and schools receive the increase, officers confirmed they would.</p> <p>Sue Summerscales mentioned that we were only half way through the year so we could potentially have other underspends in the Early Years Block.</p>							

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Schools Forum:

- 1. Approves the proposal to provide £108,000 of Non Schools ISB reserves to be used to temporarily increase the hourly rate for 2018-19 by a total of £0.01p, backdated to 1st April 2018. This would be subject to approval by the ESFA (paragraph 17 above)**

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions
10	0	0

- 2. Approves the proposed question to be included in the consultation for early years funding rates for 2019-20**

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2c – 2019-20 Schools Funding and Local Funding Formula Consultation

Sue Summerscales presented the paper, and pointed out that funding past 2019-20 was uncertain as was the teacher pay and pension grant.

Fiona Jones asked if the release of data in December was a change to previous year's procedure.

Sue Summerscales advised that this has always been the case the only change was that we previously allocated funding as a percentage per factor and now we allocate on a unit value so that we can mirror the national funding formula as far as possible.

Sue Summerscales explained that the total allocation used in the models has been adjusted to take into account certain known changes and possible cost increases.

- £300,000 - New primary free school in Hucknall
- £100,000 - For possible increase in business rates

Sue Summerscales explained Appendix B (pink A3 sheets), advised that we had met with Anne Hall and Fiona Jones who phoned in, to discuss the models presented. Members were advised that models were illustrative only and not what schools would receive, as models were based on October 2017 data.

Consultation was only required on changes to the formula, if we changed nothing then we wouldn't need to consult.

Sue Summerscales explained that for 2018-19 the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and Gains Cap was varied to balance the budgets, and asked if members would have preferred to vary the AWPU (Basic entitlement) instead?

James MacDonald responded that if we had something that worked we should stick with what we have.

Sue Summerscales presented and explained the options for the Minimum Per Pupil (MPP) after a discussion the following was agreed.

That our principal should be: -

To distribute funding in a way that was fair and equitable and continued to move schools towards the NFF whilst providing a broad benefit to most schools

- The MPP question to be included in the consultation
- Question format to be similar to last year's consultation

- Funding floor not included
- Technical adjustments to be included in the formula
- Models to be consulted on are model 4, 6 and 8

Sue Summerscales mentioned that the Lower Prior Attainment (LPA) within the National Funding Formula (NFF) had been reduced due to an increase in cohort and asked members if Nottinghamshire should retain the current unit funding or lower this to match the NFF?

Anne Hall responded that Nottinghamshire should lower the unit value and keep in line with the NFF, members agreed.

Members discussed the consultation period and it was agreed that it would commence the 1st Monday after half term. Sue Summerscales asked for volunteers to have a final look at the consultation paper before it is released, James MacDonald, Fiona Jones and Ly Toom volunteered.

Sue Summerscales asked members if there was any extra money which element would we look to increase, depending on which model is agreed we could increase the Minimum Per Pupil (MPP), the gains cap and / or the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG).

Members agreed for the gains cap to be increased

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Schools Forum:

- 1. Consider and agree the proposals to be included in the 2019-20 schools funding consultation.**
- 2. Consider how any additional funding received over and above that modelled should be allocated.**
- 3. Consider and comment on the format of the financial modelling.**
- 4. Consider and agree the proposed timetable for the schools funding consultation.**

3. Any Other Business

High Level Needs – verbal update

Marion Clay updated members that herself and Councillor Owen had met with Anna Soubry MP and Kenneth Clarke MP. That they understood the position and would go back to canvas other MP's that the whole system needs reviewing.

Marion Clay warned that some of our neighbours were looking at a £40 million overspend and though ours was only at £7 million this figure could quickly escalate if not addressed.

Members were informed that we had placed an expression of interest to the ESFA for a free special school. School to be based in Hucknall and cohort would be high functioning BESD pupils

A large amount of work had been carried out over the summer around Peter Gray's report, Nottinghamshire was looking at ways to reduce reliance in Independent Non-Maintained provision (INM)

Laurence Jones extended an open invitation to all members to attend the INM panels, Marion Clay advised that Nottinghamshire was working to build parent confidence with what can be supplied locally.

	<p><u>Email approval for correspondence</u></p> <p>Toni Gardner asked all members if they were happy for their emails to be visible on school forum email correspondence, as using blind CC was proving difficult to keep track of sent e-mails and to send a calendar appointment in Outlook, addresses need to be in either the 'To' or 'CC' field – members agreed for their emails to be used for forum business.</p>			
<p>3.</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="183 504 1236 548"> <tr> <td data-bbox="183 504 622 548">Thursday 6th December 2018</td> <td data-bbox="622 504 1236 548">2-4pm National Watersports Centre</td> </tr> </table>	Thursday 6 th December 2018	2-4pm National Watersports Centre	
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