

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting title: Nottinghamshire Schools Forum
Date and time: 7th November 2019, 2pm to 4pm
Location: Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford NG2 7QW

Membership

'A' denotes absence

	Mr A Rossington	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mr B Waldram	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mrs H Atkins	Maintained Primary Head Teacher – (Vice Chair)
A	Ms L Regan	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Ms L Toom	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Ms L Corner-Brown	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mr D Phillips	Maintained Secondary Head Teacher
	Mr A Seymour	Academy Representative
	Ms A Hall	Academy Representative
A	Mr D Bell	Academy Representative
A	Dr Philip Smith	Academy Representative
	Mrs H Angus	Academy Representative
	Mr J MacDonald	Academy Representative
A	Mr N Holmes	Academy Representative
	Ms D Wigley	Special School Head Teacher
A	Ms P Corfield	Academy Special School Head Teacher
	Ms A Williams	Governor Maintained Primary
	Mr C Barnard	Governor Maintained Primary
	Ms F Jones	Governor Maintained Primary
A	Ms J Smalley	Governor Maintained Special
A	Mr T Colton	Academy Governor
	Ms K O'Connell	PVI - Early Years Group Member
	Ms K Richards	PVI - Early Years Group Member
	Mr C Cuomo	Diocesan Representative - (Chair)
	Ms C Meese	Diocesan Representative
	Mr J Jefferies	Trades Union Representative
	Ms L Maddison	Trades Union Representative

In attendance:

Mr C Pettigrew	Corporate Director – CFCS
Mr L Jones	Service Director – Commissioning and Resources
Mrs M Clay	Service Director – Education Learning and Skills
Ms K Hughman	Group Manager – School Improvement, Strategic Planning & Admissions
Mrs S Summerscales	Senior Finance Business Partner, Children & Families Finance
Mr S Hawkins	Finance Business Partner, Children & Families Finance
Mrs I Kakoullis	Group Manager – Early Childhood Services
Mrs T Gardner (Clerk)	Assistant Account, Children & Families Finance

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Carlo welcomed all members to the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ben Waldram, David Bell, Dr Philip Smith, Neil Holmes, Pauline Corfield, Joan Smalley and Tony Colton.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes – 19th September 2019</p> <p><u>3b School Forum Constitution</u> Toni Gardner advised members that the retained and statutory duties information was sent out with the forum papers and to let us know if they have any further queries.</p> <p>With regards to action to take in the event of a shift from one sector to another when we have full membership in place, Marion Clay advised that we have started a conversation but no resolution yet. There could be a natural change as schools convert and hope to have a further update at our next meeting.</p> <p><u>3e Early Years DSG Funding Proposals</u> Paragraph two – ‘Initially’ to be inserted into the sentence to give a better understanding of the way the outcome progressed. Karen Richards asked if the Local Authority had already submitted the disapplication to increase the early years rate in 2019-20. Steve Hawkins confirmed that the disapplication has been submitted, however as the government is currently in purdah, we do not expect any feedback until after the general election and possibly not until early January.</p> <p>Rest of minutes approved as accurate and correct</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>MC</p>
3.	<p>3a – DSG Budget Monitoring</p> <p>Steve Hawkins presented the paper and advised these were October forecast figures.</p> <p>Members were taken through appendix A and B, noting the following comment. Post 16 High Needs information was based on best known information from West Notts admissions, members were advised this could change.</p> <p>James MacDonald asked with an increase of 11 million can members assume there would be no transfer from the Schools to High Needs Block. Carlo Cuomo confirmed that this was the plan, to have no transfer in 2020-21</p> <p>Steve Hawkins advised the increase in allocation is due to a change in the way the High Needs block is calculated. It was previously 50% historic spend and 50% formula, it is now 40% historic spend and 60% formula driven with the gains cap lifted to 17%</p> <p>Andrew Rossington noted that there was still a lot in Independent Non- Maintained schools, Marion Clay advised this was down to legislation for parents, internal places will be discussed at the special heads meeting, the additional money cannot be used on capital expenditure.</p> <p>Outcome in special schools for children is better, but parents want therapeutic options, the LA is costing how much a therapeutic team within the NCC would be so that they are able to work within our special schools.</p> <p>Laurence Jones told the Forum that when looking at the additional allocation Nottinghamshire has received. We currently have £4.5 million overspend, £3 million natural growth which leaves £4 million to utilize and enrich the special school offer.</p> <p>Marion Clay advised there will be more money in the HLN and AFN allocation to ensure an inclusion balance and schools will see the difference</p>	

Andrew Rossington asked if the increase in allocation was due to the work carried out by Peter Gray. Marion Clay responded that central government, the SEND report and lobbying have helped.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

1. That the Schools Forum notes the content of the report – report was noted

3b. 2020-21 Funding & Local Funding Formula Consultation - Schools

Sue Summerscales presented the paper and explained the baseline and the difference between the NFF (National Funding Formula) and LFF (Local Funding Formula) The LFF baselines are lower than those published under the NFF due to the transfer over the last two years.

Sue Summerscales explained the business rates and that the funding allocation is historical and based on the 2019-20 allocation with no inflation, this could result in a funding short fall which would need to be funded from the 3 options mentioned on page 3.

Helen Atkins commented we would need to make it explicit on how we intend to address the shortfall as we will be open to challenge.

Sue Summerscales agreed, however we will not get our final settlement details until late December, so the February 2020 meeting would be the first time to advise members what action was taken, the APT deadline is 21st January 2020.

Members were informed about the new free school 'Sharp Hill' and that the growth funding would cover their allocation, as would the pupil variation of schools to meet basic needs request.

Sue Summerscales explained to members that we must consult on changes to the LFF even though we hope to mirror the NFF.

The de-delegation part will be voted for by the maintained sector however schools need to realise that this is also the academy buy back rate.

The consultation timetable was presented, and Sue Summerscales asked members if they would be happy to proceed with a shorter 2-week consultation.

Fiona Jones asked how we can consult if we do not know the settlement and allocations. Sue Summerscales advised it's been the same every year, DfE timelines do not allow for a consultation after we have had our final settlement. Unit values are known but it is the school pupil numbers and characteristics that are unknown and which determine our settlement.

Anne Hall was happy to proceed with a two-week consultation, all forum members agreed to a two week consultation, the final version to be sent to the consultation working group members to approve before it was sent out.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Consider and agree the approach to be taken to ensure affordability of the formula - considered
- 2) Consider and agree the proposals to be included in the 2020-21 schools funding consultation – considered and agreed

3) Consider and agree the proposed timetable for the schools funding consultation – considered and agree

2020-21 Funding & Local Funding Formula Consultation – Early Years

Irene Kakoullis tabled the early years consultation and the following amendments were made to the table on page 2

Supplement	2019-20 Factor Value	2020-21 Proposed Factor Values
3 & 4 year olds deprivation - LAC, CIN & CPP	£406 per <u>year</u> *	£406 per <u>year</u>
3 & 4 year olds deprivation - Based on EYPP criteria	£0.00	£0.10 per hour
2 year olds deprivation - LAC, CIN & CPP	£0.00	£406 per <u>year</u>

* CIN and CPP only

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3c. Woodland View Primary School Forum Membership – PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

3d. School Forum Constitution

Marion Clay advised that this had been covered earlier in the meeting.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business

5. Confidentiality

Item 3c was marked as confidential

6. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 12 December 2019	2-4pm	Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford NG2 7QW
Thursday 9 January 2020	2-4pm	Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford NG2 7QW
Thursday 27 February 2020	2-4pm	Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford NG2 7QW
Thursday 18 June 2020	2-4pm	Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford NG2 7QW