

**SCHOOLS FORUM
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL, 2016
REGENTS PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Present:

<u>Primary School Representatives</u>	
Richard Harris (Chair)	Moorlands Primary Governor
Peter Howard	Fairisle Junior School
Julie Swanston	Woolston Primary School
Amanda Talbot-Jones	St Denys Primary School
<u>Secondary School Representatives</u>	
Jonty Archibald	Regents Park Community College
Toni Sambrook	Woodlands Community College
Harry Kutty	Cantell School
<u>Special Schools Representatives</u>	
Andy Evans	Great Oaks Primary
<u>Academy Representatives</u>	
David Turner (Vice-Chair)	Townhill Infant School (Governor)
Sean Preston	Hamwic Trust
<u>Pupil Referral Unit Representative</u>	
Alison Parsons	Compass School
<u>Nursery Schools Representative</u>	
<u>Non Schools Representative</u>	
Chris Ode	TLP
<u>Observers</u>	
Anna Wright	PVI Provider
Keith Pinney	Senior Finance Officer, Cantell School
<u>Also in attendance:</u>	
Judy Cordell	Clerk
Jo Cassey	Principal Officer for Early Years and Education
Irfan Khan	SCC Principal Accountant
Sevil Rush	SCC Finance Manager

1. APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

The Forum noted the apologies of Councillors Keogh and Jeffery, Martin Brown, Anne Downie, John Draper, Anne Murphy and Sue Thompson.

The Chair welcomed from Cantell School Harry Kutty, Headteacher (September 2016) and Keith Pinney, Senior Finance Officer.

The Chair thanked Regents Park Community College for hosting the meeting.

2. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March, 2016 were approved as a correct record with the following amendments:

Minute 1: Apologies were received from Amanda Talbot-Jones and Julie Swanston.

Minute 2: Secondary Schools Expansion (verbal update) to read:

The Forum noted that the matter continued to develop and was being considered by the Council's Capital Board.

3. UPDATE ON SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPANSION

Irfan Khan confirmed there had been no real change since 20th January meeting. Forum members were encouraged to review the Budget Share Guidance which detailed factors considered and taken into account.

Jo Cassey reported there was good news for schools this week who were in scope for expansion and repair and maintenance. She would be writing to schools affected this week.

4. RESPONSE TO STAGE 1 CONSULTATION (SCHOOLS NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA)

The Forum considered a report detailing the current position with regards to the National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools as detailed in the briefing paper circulated with the agenda.

It was noted that at this point evidence was being gathered as part of

Stage 1, with no deadline set for Stage 2. Details considered significant included:

- A new Central Schools block would be created which will include funding for central schools services.
- In 2019/20 the NFF would no longer include funding for Looked After Children, mobility and post 16.
- The deprivation factor in the NFF was proposed to use a combination of IDACI and FSM.
- Pupil Premium would remain separate to NFF for the duration of this Parliament.
- Discretion would be given to authorities on setting minimum funding levels.
- There were no proposals at this stage to remove the role of the Schools Forum.
- Funding would be cut from the Education Services Grant between April 2017 and August 2017 and then entirely cease.
- DfE were addressing overspends in high needs.

The Forum discussed timescales for change being implemented and questioned whether the transition period was realistic as well as the unpredictable impact of losing funding and how this would be managed across the Authority.

Forum members were encouraged to read the White Paper on the Funding Formula to inform future discussion as the consultation proceeded.

5. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK/DATES FOR 2016/17

The forum received and noted a provisional work programme for the 2016-2017 year.