

# Schools Forum



**Minutes of the meeting 3.30-5.30pm on  
Wednesday 11 January 2017, Civic Centre**

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## **Attendees**

### **Chair & Vice Chair**

Richard Harris, Chair, Moorlands Primary School Governor  
David Turner, Vice Chair, Townhill Infant School

### **Primary School reps**

Susan Brakewell, Bitterne Manor Primary School.  
John Draper, Head Teacher, Swaythling Primary School  
Peter Howard, Head Teacher, Fairisle Junior School  
Mark Sheehan, Head Teacher, Mansbridge Primary School  
Julie Swanston, Head Teacher, Woolston Infant School  
Amanda Talbot-Jones, St Deny's Primary School

### **Secondary School reps**

Jonty Archibald, Regents Park Community College  
Martin Brown, the Sholing Technology College  
Ann Murphy, Business Manager, St Anne's Catholic School  
Una Rogers, Secondary Governor Rep, Regents Park  
Toni Sambrook, Woodlands Community College

### **Special School reps**

Andy Evans, Great Oaks School  
Colin Grant, Cedar School

### **Academy rep**

Gemma Malore, on behalf of Sean Preston, Hamwic Trust

### **Pupil Referral Unit rep**

Alison Parsons, Head Teacher, Compass School

### **Non Schools**

Chris Ode, NASUWT  
Councillor Darren Paffey, Cabinet Member  
Urszula Topp, Portsmouth Diocese  
Anna Wright, PVI Provider

**Also in attendance**

Jo Cassey, Service Lead - Education and Early Help  
 Alan Denford, Service Lead - Finance Business Partnering, SCC  
 Anne Downie, Team Manager, Early Years and Childcare, SCC  
 Natalie Johnson, Project Officer (minutes), SCC  
 Tammy Marks, Special Educational Needs & Disability, SCC  
 Irfan Khan, SCC Principal Accountant  
 Kevin Verdon, School-Based Planning Officer, SCC

**Observers**

Anne Hendon-John, Head Teacher, Polygon School  
 Cllr Ivan White, Governor, Polygon School  
 Peter Hilditch, Cantell School  
 Gordon Shinn, Hinkler Academies Trust (observer)

**Apologies:**

Colin Grant  
 Chris Ode (Pete Badham attending)  
 Sean Preston (Gemma Carr attending)

| Item |  | Outcome / actions |
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| 1    | <b>Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)</b><br>Apologies noted. No change in membership  | Noted.            |
| 2    | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br>Minutes of the previous meeting 23.9.16.   | Agreed.           |
| 3    | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.  | None.             |
| 4    | <b>Schools Block</b><br>Irfan outlined the decision paper detailing the 2017/18 Schools Block which funds Primary and Secondary School budget shares and Central Services retained by the Local Authority.     |                   |
|      | <b>Recommendation 1</b> - Note the proposed Schools Block post de-delegation allocation of £132.81M (Appendix 1).  | Noted             |
|      | <b>Recommendation 2</b> – Agree one of the options to meet the additional pressure resulting from DfE changes in Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) methodology, as outlined in para 7 and 8. | Agreed            |

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|  | <p>Peter Howard said he would like to see where the biggest losses and biggest gains were. The update was provided and the Schools Forum members agreed option 2 as per detail below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>changing FSM Ever 6% for Primary and Secondary factors to FSM %.</li> </ul> <p>This option uses FSM% and a flat £15.00 reduction to each IDACI band.</p>  |                         |
|  | <p><b>Recommendation 3</b> – Agree the use of ESG (Retained Element) funding of £486,900 which has been transferred into the DSG to support statutory services relating to all schools provided by the LA. (see para 14 and table 4).</p>  | <p>Agreed</p>           |
|  | <p><b>Recommendation 4</b> – Approve a top-slice of maintained schools budgets of £1,021,400 to contribute to the cost of services identified as being partly funded previously by ESG general funding from September 2017 (<b>Representatives of maintained schools only</b>) (see para 19 and table 4).</p> <p>Jo Cassey clarified that Appendix 3 gives an indication of what is in scope for this decision. It was agreed that this will go to the vote at the next meeting when more information has been provided to Schools Forum.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Irfan Khan to provide additional information against Statutory Duties – General Element.</p> |                         |
|  | <p><b>Recommendation 5</b> – Approve the de-delegation of budgets listed in para 22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for schools in financial difficulties (£104,200). The 2016/17 position against this budget is shown in Appendix 4.</li> </ul> <p>Trade Union Duties (£48,900) (Primary Schools only).</p> <p>Deferred until the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action:</b> Irfan Khan to provide detail of the trade union duties expenditure.</li> </ul>   | <p>Agreed</p> <p>IK</p> |
|  | <p><b>Recommendation 6</b> – Approve the central expenditure elements of the Schools Block including Primary Review Growth Fund summarised in para 23 - 26.</p>  | <p>Agreed</p>           |

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| <b>5</b>  | <p><b>Early Years (EY) Block</b></p> <p>Irfan Khan presented EY block paper. In Autumn 2016 the Department for Education (DfE) launched a six-week Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) consultation to deliver a 'fairer funding system' for 3 and 4 year olds, some of whom will be eligible for the 30 hour free childcare from September 2017. Following this consultation it has been confirmed that the funding to Local Authorities for 3 and 4 years olds in early education will be based on the New EY Funding Formula from April 2017.</p> <p>The new funding formula will apply to the current 15 hour early education entitlement from April 2017. In September 2017, when the extended entitlement is rolled out, it will apply to all 30 hours for those eligible children.</p> <p>Note the proposed provisional Early Years block of £15.83M (Appendix 1).</p> | Noted.  |
|           | <p>Approve was sought for the the central expenditure elements of the Early Years Block summarised in para 23.</p>   | Agreed. |
| <b>6</b>  | <p><b>High Needs Block</b></p> <p>A paper copy of different scenarios to meet £2.59M was handed to the Schools Forum members however due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>   |         |
| <b>7</b>  | <p><b>Secondary Schools Expansion</b></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>   |         |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Date of the next meeting</b></p> <p>18 January, 4 – 6pm at Cantell School.</p>   |         |