
SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 January 2023

<u>In attendance</u>	
<u>Chair and Vice Chair</u>	
John Draper	Headteacher – Swaythling Primary
Harry Kutty	Headteacher – Cantell
<u>Primary Schools</u>	
Amanda Talbot-Jones	Headteacher – St Denys Primary
Mike Adams	Headteacher – Bitterne Manor Primary School
Peter Howard	Headteacher – Fairisle Junior
PK Macbride	Primary Governor – Bannister
<u>Secondary Schools</u>	
Jim Henderson	Headteacher Woodlands Community College
Roger Peplow	Governor St Georges
Martin Brown	Principal Oasis Sholing Academy
<u>Academy</u>	
James Rouse	St Anne's Catholic School
Sean Preston	Hamwic Trust
<u>Special Schools</u>	
Neil Revell	Headteacher – Cedar School
Debbie McKenzie	Headteacher – Compass School
<u>Nursery</u>	
Anna Wright	PVI for Early Years
<u>Non-Schools</u>	
Rob Sanders	Diocese of Winchester
<u>Observers</u>	
<u>SCC officers</u>	
Derek Wiles	Head of Education and Learning– Education
Steve Wade	Finance Business Partner
Clodagh Freeston	Service Manager - Education Strategy, Planning and Improvement
Tammy Marks	Service Manager - Special Educational Needs and Disability
Virginia Newsom	Finance Analyst
<u>Apologies</u>	

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Forum meeting on 23 November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

2. **STANDING ITEM: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Forum received and noted a briefing paper detailing updates on the Provisional National Funding Formula announcement and additional support. The paper details additional funding being release by central government for the Mainstream Schools Grant 2023-2024 and school capital Funding.

3. **2023-24 SCHOOLS REVENUE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AND DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT**

The Forum considered a paper detailing the 2023-2024 revenue funding arrangement and the dedicated schools grant.

The Forum reviewed a number of local adjustments given to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) schools, growing schools and a requested transfer to the Central School Services Block, required because of reduced central funding.

Upon being put to the vote the Forum agreed to the local adjustments for the PFI schools of £738,900, Growth Funding of £462,000, £160,000 for school improvements and the requested transfer to the Central School Services Block of £186,000.

The Forum then reviewed the shortfall generated by the local adjustments. The papers set out scenarios of how the potential shortfall might be addressed and the Forum discussed them. The methodology of maintaining the Minimum Funding Guarantee 0.5%, and reducing AWPU Primary Schools and reducing AWPU Secondary Schools was considered. Upon being put to the vote it was agreed that in addressing any shortfall, the differing balances between secondary and primary schools should be taken into account. The Forum sought to weight in favour of primary schools and that officers would use this principle when finalising the submission to the Department for Education.

4. **SPECIALIST SEND EARLY YEARS PROVISION**

The Forum noted a paper detailing potential future arrangements for regard to specialist provision of SEND for Early Years Provision.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING REMARKS AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Forum noted an additional paper reviewing the funding and support for pupils with additional needs in Southampton mainstream schools and setting.

It was noted that Southampton City Council was seeking to strengthen inclusive practice in its mainstream schools and settings and to ensure that its mainstream offer is high quality and consistently good. As part of this process, it wants to review the way in which the sector is funded and supported.

The Forum were informed that following the review the findings and recommendations would be shared with them a future date.