

Notice of Schools Forum



Date: Friday, 17 January 2020 at 8.00 am

Venue: Main Hall - Bournemouth Learning Centre - BLC

Membership:

Chairman:

Phil Keen

Vice Chairman:

Patrick Earnshaw

Russell Arnold
Mark Avoth
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Cllr D Brown
Kate Carter
Jon Chapple
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Phillip Gavin
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Jason Holbrook
Sue Johnson
Angela Malanczuk
Cllr S Moore

David Newman
Jacqueline Page
Jeremy Payne
Sean Preston
Michael Reid
Dave Simpson

All Members of the Schools Forum are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Jacqui Phillips - 01202 456147 or email Jacqui.phillips@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Forum Members/Officers in matters appearing on the agenda.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** 5 - 14
To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 November 2019, as a correct record.
- 5. Introduction from DfE representative** Verbal Report
- 6. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Budget Monitoring 2019-20** 15 - 18
The report considers the projected end of year position for the DSG budget 2019-20 at a net deficit of £1.9m.

There is a predicted overspend of £2.7m resulting from pressures within the High Needs Block, but this is partially offset by funding adjustments relating to prior years (£0.6m) and saving in the Central School Services Block (£0.2m).

The resulting forecast deficit at 31 March 2020 is £5.5m.
- 7. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Settlement and Budget 2020-21** 19 - 24
 1. The initial DSG Settlement was received on 19 December 2019. It provided:
 - a. Initial allocations for the Early Years Block based on the January 2019 census incorporating the announced £0.08 per hour increase in funding.
 - b. Final allocations for the Schools Block based on the October 2019 schools census. The increase in funding through the Schools NFF for 2020-21 totals £11.9 million (6%). Higher funding values account for £9.3 million, as reported in November, with additional pupils at census providing a further £2.6 million. Funding for in-year pupil growth at September 2020, has increased by £52k compared with last year.
 - c. Final allocations for the Central School Services Block based on the October 2019 census with the increase in pupil numbers providing an additional £18k of funding compared with the

November report. This represents an annual reduction of £84k

- d. Indicative allocations for the High Needs Block have increased by £246k compared with the November report. However, an element of funding remains dependent on the January 2020 census with allocations to be updated again in summer 2020.

2. A draft DSG budget is provided in the Appendix to provide context for decisions on the meeting agenda. The funding gap remains in the scale of £8m as included within the School Funding Consultation issued in December.

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| 8. Statement from Parent Carer Forum
To consider the report. | 25 - 28 |
| 9. High Needs Block Financial Strategy Group
To receive a powerpoint presentation. | 29 - 34 |
| 10. Schools and Early Years Formula Consultation outcomes and Transfer to High Needs Block

This report sets out the outcome of the Schools and Early Years Funding consultations, and proposals for the BCP funding formulae and growth fund. The report also provides a proposal for reducing the projected High Needs budget gap, and requires approval for the Central School Services Block (CSSB) budgets and services to maintained schools and central budgets supporting the early years free entitlements. | 35 - 168 |
| 11. Forward Plan
To consider and note the Forward Plan | 169 - 170 |
| 12. Dates of Future Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 19 June 2020• Additional dates are TBC | |
| 13. Any Other Business
To consider any other business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration. | |
| 14. Exclusion of the Public and Press
To consider passing the following Resolution (if required):

"RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) [INSERT PARAGRAPH NUMBER HERE] of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Said Act as the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the | |

public interest in disclosing it".

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.