

Notice of Schools Forum

Date: Friday, 12 November 2021 at 9.00 am

Venue: Committee Suite, Civic Centre, Poole BH15 2RU / Via MS Teams



Membership:

Chairman:

Geoff Cherrill

Vice Chairman:

Patrick Earnshaw

Russell Arnold
Mark Avoth
Kate Carter
Jon Chapple
Lauren Dean
Ben Doyle
Linda Duly
Phillip Gavin

Brigid Hincks
Sue Johnson
Nadine Lapskas
Dorian Lewis
David Newman
Jacqueline Page
Jeremy Payne
Sean Preston

Michael Reid
Dave Simpson
Sian Thomas
VACANCY
Cllr N Greene
Cllr M White

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

The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting in person and should email any request to do so to the meeting contact below, as there is limited space at the meeting venue.

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=5094>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Chris Harrod on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 118686 or email press.office@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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GRAHAM FARRANT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4 November 2021



Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

Do any matters being discussed at the meeting directly relate to your registered interests?

Disclosable
Pecuniary Interest

Yes

Declare the
nature of the
interest

Do NOT
participate in
the item at the
meeting. Do
NOT speak or
vote on the
item EXCEPT
where you hold
a dispensation

You must leave
the room
during the
debate unless
you hold a
dispensation

Other Registerable
Interest

Yes

Declare the
nature of the
interest

You may speak
on the matter
ONLY if
members of the
public are also
allowed to
speak at the
meeting

Otherwise, do
NOT speak or
vote on the
matter and
leave the room
during the
debate unless
you hold a
dispensation

No

Does the matter **directly** relate to your
financial interest or well-being or those
of a relative or close associate?

Yes

You must disclose the interest.

Does the matter affect your financial
interest or well-being:
(a) to a greater extent than it affects the
financial interests of the majority of
inhabitants of the ward affected by
the decision and;
(b) a reasonable member of the public
knowing all the facts would believe
that it would affect your view of the
wider public interest

Yes

You may speak on the matter ONLY
if members of the public are also
allowed to speak at the meeting

Otherwise, do NOT speak or vote on
the matter and leave the room during
the debate unless you hold a
dispensation

What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it
lead a fair minded and informed
observer to conclude that there was
a real possibility or a real danger that
the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision,
did the decision maker have a closed
mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision,
they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely
in terms of the public
interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid
placing themselves under
any obligation to people or
organisations that might try
inappropriately to influence
them in their work. They
should not act or take
decisions in order to gain
financial or other material
benefits for themselves,
their family, or their friends.
They must declare and
resolve any interests and
relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and
take decisions impartially,
fairly and on merit, using the
best evidence and without
discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable
to the public for their
decisions and actions and
must submit themselves to
the scrutiny necessary to
ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and
take decisions in an open
and transparent manner.
Information should not be
withheld from the public
unless there are clear and
lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with
honesty and integrity and
should not place themselves
in situations where their
honesty and integrity may
be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit
these principles in their own
behaviour. They should
actively promote and
robustly support the
principles and be willing to
challenge poor behaviour
wherever it occurs

AGENDA

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Forum Members are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14 September 2021, as a correct record.

4. **Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Budget Monitoring 2021-22 and Draft High Needs Budget 2022-23**

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The report considers the projected year end position for the DSG budget 2021-22 of £1.2 million overspent against the £9.6 million budgeted funding gap. In year this adds £10.8 million to the deficit.

The cumulative deficit at 31 March 2022 is forecast to be £18.6 million.

The report then considers the projected budget gap for 2022-23 of £17.7 million.

5. **Capital Projects 2019 - 2021**

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This report sets out the capital programme for Children's Services special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) strategy since the Local Government Reorganisation in 2019. It provides a brief summary of projects which have been completed or are in progress, and of projects which have not yet been initiated. A review of inclusion practice in BCP schools and a revised SEND strategy is underway, led by the Director of Education. A further programme of capital works to help deliver that strategy will be brought forward imminently.

6. **Update – Mainstream SEND Banding Review**

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The review of the Mainstream SEND Bandings and Descriptors is part of the SEND transformation work that is underway.

The main purpose of the review is to work in partnership to support BCP in delivering its commitment and aspiration of BCP being an inclusive place for SEND children and young people to thrive and be educated within; resulting in the long-term reduction of the overall overspend in the High Needs Block Budget.

7. Forward Plan

Forum Members are asked to raise any items they wish to be considered by the Chairman for addition to the Forum's Forward Plan.

8. Dates of Future Meetings

- 13 January 2022
- 24 June 2022

9. Any Other Business

To consider any other business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

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.