

Notice of Schools Forum



Date: Thursday, 13 January 2022 at 9.00 am

Venue: Virtual Meeting 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
Marie Lane
Nadine Lapskas
Dorian Lewis
Jacqueline Page
Jeremy Payne
Sean Preston

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

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

The press and public are welcome to attend this remote meeting and should email any request to do so to the meeting contact below, and a meeting invite will be sent.

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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

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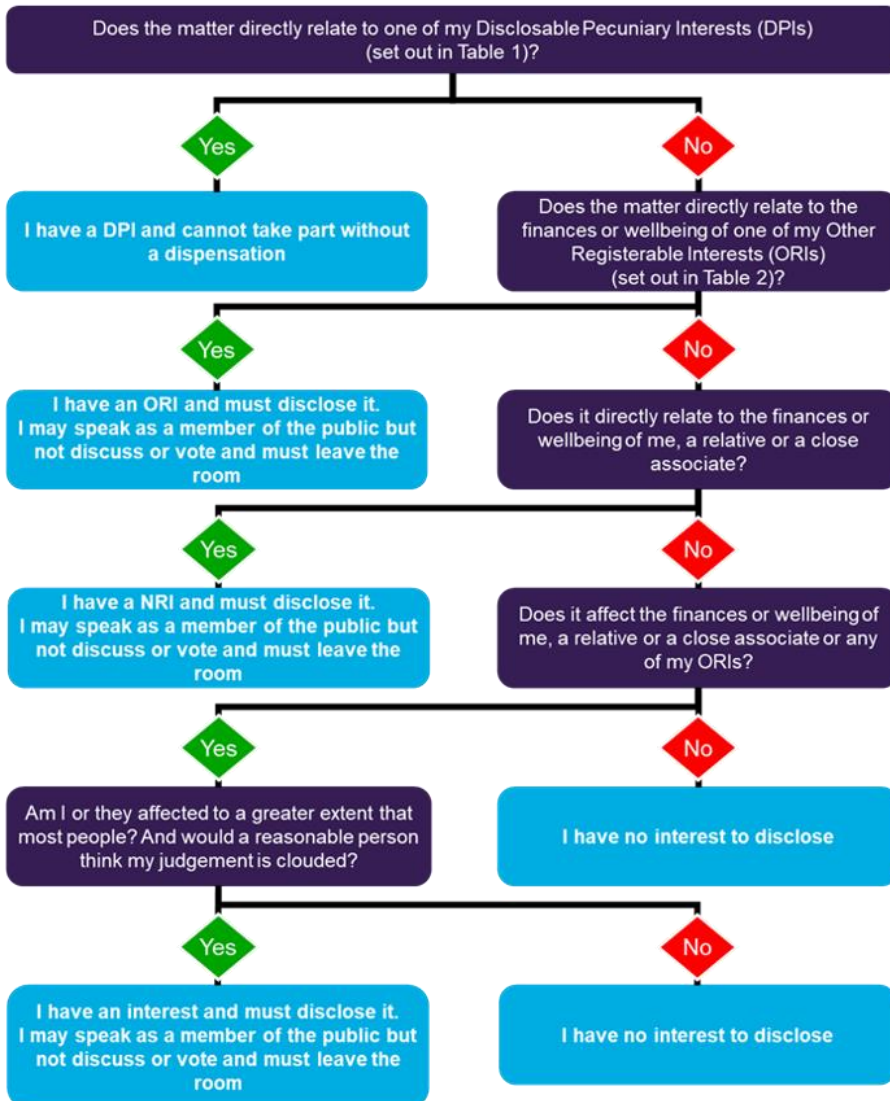


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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



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.

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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

Schools 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 12 November 2021, as a correct record.

4. DSG Settlement and Draft Budget for 2022-23

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The DSG Settlement was received on 16 December 2021. It provided:

a. Initial allocations for the early years block based on the DfE estimate of take up of the free entitlements over the year, incorporating the £0.21 per hour increase in 2- year old funding and £0.17 per hour for those aged 3&4 of circa 4%.

b. Final allocations for the school's block national funding formula (NFF) based on the October 2021 schools census. The increase in funding through the schools NFF for 2022-23 totals £8.8 million (3.9%). Higher funding values account for £5.4 million (2.4%), as reported in September, with additional pupils at census providing a further £3.4 million (1.5%). Funding for in-year pupil growth from September 2022, has increased by £0.4 million compared with last year.

c. Provisional allocations for mainstream schools of a supplementary grant of £6.8 million (equivalent to 3% of mainstream funding) to cover specifically the new health and social care levy as well as general cost pressures.

d. Allocations for the central school services block provide a reduction compared with last year of £80,000.

e. Allocations for the high needs block have increased in total by £6.5 million (13.6%) in total compared with last year, due to higher NFF funding values (£3.8 million), more pupils attracting the basic entitlement (£0.8 million) and the autumn spending review allocating further funds (£1.9 million).

The high needs deficit is projected to grow further in 2022-23 despite the significant increase in funding.

5. School Funding Consultation and Budget Proposals 2022-23

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This report sets out the outcome of the 2022-23 school funding consultation and proposals for the DSG budget

The schools block proposals include that the mainstream schools funding formula is to continue to adopt the National Funding Formula (NFF), the existing growth fund policy is maintained, and the balance of funding is transferred to support the high needs budget. Also included are budget proposals for the central school services block and services to support maintained schools.

6. Early Years Funding Consultation

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This report sets out the proposed options for the early years single funding formula (EYSFF) for the financial year 2022/23 and a summary of responses to the consultation undertaken with the sector (to follow as Appendix 2). Central budgets for early years are also to be agreed. This is to ensure the council meets its statutory requirements set out in the Schools Forum regulations and School and Early Years Financial Regulations.

7. Looked-After Children Pupil Premium Arrangements 2022-23

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This report advises Schools Forum members of the proposed arrangements for both the central retention and allocation to educational establishments of the Pupil Premium Plus Grant.

8. Schools Forum Forward Plan Refresh

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This report sets out the work programme for the Schools' Forum until the end of the 2022/23 Academic Year.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

- 24 June 2022

Dates further to the above will be shared with Forum Members in due course.

10. 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.