

Notice of Schools Forum



Date: Monday, 26 June 2023 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL / Via MS Teams

Membership:

Chairman:

Geoff Cherrill

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Patrick Earnshaw

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Jeremy Payne
Sean Preston
Dave Simpson
Sian Thomas
VACANCY
Cllr R Burton

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.

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5559>

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

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20 June 2023

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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.

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

Councillors 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 16 January 2023 as a correct record.

4. Exceptional Funding Proposal

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Information report ready for review. In January 2023, BCP committed to reviewing the methodology for Exceptional circumstances which has not been updated since LGR and is no longer 'exceptional' with 20% of schools qualifying for support in the financial year 22-23.

5. DSG Outturn Report 2022-23

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The report considers the end of year position for the DSG budget 2022-23 at a net in-year deficit of £15.5 million. This is against a budgeted deficit of £16.7 million.

The £1.2 million underspend relates to high needs expenditure. Whilst there are some signs that trends in high-cost placements have slowed and mainstream schools taking more EHCPs, the delays in assessments have impacted with the number of plans funded 158 FTE less than budgeted.

The accumulated deficit has grown as a result from £20.3 million to £35.8 million at March 2023, with this required to be carried forward and recovered from future DSG allocations.

6. Dingley's Promise

To Follow

7. Role of the Schools Forum

An opportunity for discussion regarding the development of the School Forum.

8. Forward Work Plan

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To consider, comment on and agree the Forum's forward work plan,

9. 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".

10. Dates of Future Meetings

[Insert dates as bullet points]

11. 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.