

Schools Forum Agenda

Thursday, 10 December 2015

4.30 pm – 6.30pm, Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite
Lewisham Town Hall
London SE6 4RU

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Item	Pages
1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies	
2. Minutes of the Meeting 1 October 2015	1 - 6
3. Matters Arising	
4. Budget Overview	
This item will be a presentation to the Forum on the overall budget of the Council and the Dedicated Schools Grant.	
5. Changes to Services to Schools	7 - 27
This paper will look at the proposed changes to services for school. It will also consider the charges for the music and catering services (and the return of catering balance) as well as the longer term strategic direction of the traded services.	
6. Medium Term Financial Strategy	28 - 34
This paper looks at the longer term position on the DSG and seeks agreement to set up a task group to assist with the response to the likely consultation of the new national funding formula and to help schools in making the changes that may be required to ensure they have a balanced budget.	
7. High Needs Sub Group - Annual Report	35 - 89
To receive the report of the sub group and consider the high needs budget for 2015/16.	
8. Budget Monitoring Report	90 - 96

To consider the current budget monitoring position and the returns by the schools who exceed the balance control mechanism at the end of last year.

9. Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Report 2016/17 97 - 112

To agree the DSG budget for next year and to agree the approach to completing the individual school budget return required by the DFE.

10. Item 10 Sustainable Technologies 113 - 115

The report will seek approval that when sustainable technologies are procured by the Council for schools in this case Photovoltaic Cells (solar panels), the benefits will be shared between the Council and the school. In relation to solar panels the Council will receive the Governments subsidy through the Feed In Tariff (FIT) and the school will benefit from the reduced kwh unit tariff (this is normally in the region of 3-5 pence per kwh).

The Council will utilise the income as a contribution to sustainable technologies required as a result of the planning process.

11. Any Other Business

Reports deferred to next meeting

Constitution – voting on substitutes

Dates of Future Meetings

Extraordinary meeting of the Forum – either

19 January 2016

or

20 January 2016

4 February 2016 - 4.30 to 6.30pm

17 March 2016 - 4.30 to 6.30pm