

## Schools Forum - Decision Sheet

Meeting Date

29/06/23

Report Reference	Page Reference	Report Title	Purpose of Document	Recommendation	Schools Forum Decision
Item 1		Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies - Welcome New Members - Member Resignations.	Apologies from Pat Barber (Governor - Secondary) & Mia Mann (Academy). New member - Melanie Simpson (PVI Early Years representative) wef January 2023. Resignations - Matthew Ringham (Chair) & Lynne Haines (Special Schools Head).		Apologies accepted & noted. New forum member introduced. Resignations accepted. Chair election for first meeting of Autumn term. Lynne Haines MBE - congratulations.
Item 2		Declaration of Interest		None	
Item 3	page 1 - 4	Minutes of Meeting 19 January 2023	To agree on minutes of previous meeting	Noted and agreed as accurate.	Agreed as accurate.
Item 4	page 5 - 8	Minutes of Meeting 01 February 2023	To agree on minutes of previous meeting	To minute Agenda Item 3, PFI Consultation - vote procedure. 2 representatives requested that minutes are updated to reflect a level of ambiguity in the outcome "desire of schools towards change". LA noted that, but stated that the changes implemented had been agreed unanimously by the heads specifically around the all through schools, SEN funding --which were the main changes implemented	Noted and agreed
Item 5		Matters Arising	Outstanding Quality Factor Review - work in progress (Nikki Sealy).	Report to bring to October forum.	Noted.
Item 6	page 9 -15	Schools Forum Work Plan for 2023/24	To confirm the timing and dates for Schools Forum meetings and to support agenda setting.	Members to note dates and times of future meeting dates including High Needs Sub Group.	Accepted & noted.
Item 7	page 16 - 27	Schools Audit 2022-23 Overall Summary Report	Head of Assurance to update forum on the schools audit process.	Mandatory financial training for new Headteachers - then open this up to existing Heads.	Agreed - training to be conducted autumn
Item 8	page 28 - 37	Early Years Entitlements Expansion to 2025	To update Forum with respect to the Early Years Entitlement Expansion, including what is currently not known.	September 2025, working parents of all children over the age of nine months will be entitled to 30 hours of early years education, rolled out in phases:- From April 2024, working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours. From September 2024, 15 hours early years education will be extended to all children of working parents from age of 9 months. From September 2025, working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours childcare per week.	Update noted. Forum informed that the Early Years team to arrange Headteacher & SBMs briefings following more information from the DfE.
Item 9	page 38 - 46	Mayor of London - Universal Free School Meals	Provide forum with information with regards the Mayor of London's Free School Meals offer for Key Stage 2 pupils.	Potential that some grant conditions can change. LA cannot be involved if schools ask for parent voluntary contribution towards any FSM funding shortfall.	Noted.
Item 10	page 47 - 50	High Needs Mitigations & Delivering Better Value Update	An update on the high needs block mitigation plan and the engagement with the Department for Education (DfE) on the Delivering Better Value (DBV), Tranche 3.	Updated slides shared. Head of Integrated Services SEND to circulate these slides to forum after this meeting - includes post school census data. Forum asked to agree the ratification of the no. of children 5% (cost circa £700K), HNSG supported the progression from Sep 2023 based on October 22 census position.	Updated report accepted & noted. 14 voted in favour. 1 abstention.
Item 11	page 51 - 55	Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 Including Schools Balances Position	Report provides the outturn position for 2022/23 for the DSG and the Schools end of year position. The report further notes that that the Early Years Block remains provisional, pending finalisation of pupil number by the DfE.	To note the pressure on the DSG – High Needs Block, note the Central Schools Services Block and note the 2022/23 overall schools balance position. High needs pace of overspend, is reducing. Regarding schools balance position, there will be a change of process - budget plan with deficit budget, MD will write to COG. Observer comment regarding redistribution of school reserves. MD advised that Lewisham policy as agreed with schools forum did enable clawback of reserves. in the event clawback was to be considered a full consultation would be required with discussion and approval from schools forum.	Noted.
Item 12	page 56 - 60	Dedicated Schools Grant 2023-24 and Update on Other Specific Grants	A report for information only. Update on the 2023/24 DSG position and information on other schools related grants at the time of writing.	Update on the DSG and note the continuing pressure on the CSSB and the High Needs Budgets. Confirmed grants for 2023/24 - Pupil premium 2023/24, Mainstream Schools Additional Grant, National Tutoring Programme (NTP), Devolved Formula Capital (DFC), Universal Infant free school meals (UIFSM).	All noted. Forum also requests summary bullet points of this discussion to be able to take back to Primary and Secondary Consultative - agreed.
Item 13	page 61 - 71	Dedicated Schools Grant 2024/25 - Updates Towards Hard Formula - Plus PFI Consultation	This report provides and updates on the transition of the Schools Funding Formula to a Hard Formula. The report builds on the work undertaken for 2023/24 and provides a draft consultation for the PFI factor for engagement with mainstream schools who are in receipt of funding from this factor, for consideration as part of the 2024/25 Schools Funding Formula.	Schools forum is asked to note the content of this report in particular: 5.2. Movement of the split sites and Growth Fund to hard formula from 2024/25. 5.3. Agree to the further consultation with schools (who receive PFI factor) from September to end of October – outcome to be reported to schools forum for inclusion in the 2024/25 funding formula.	Noted & agreed.
Item 14		Any other Business	Schools Forum Constitution Election of Chair – following Resignation of Chair	Forum constitution - Are some potential changes taking place around academies so MD to wait till September onwards with clearer understanding if the constitution remains correct, or needs to be revised. Election of Chair - to be first item of the agenda for Forum Autumn meeting.	All noted.

Agreed by Matthew Ringham

Chair of Schools Forum