

LEWISHAM SCHOOLS FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2017

Membership (Quorum = 40% i.e. 8) ✓ = present ✕ = absent a = apologies
s = substitute

		Attendance				
		17/03	30/06	06/10	08/12	17/01
Primary School Headteachers						
Liz Booth	Dalmain	✓	✕	a	✓	✓
Paul Moriarty	Good Shepherd	✓	a	✓	✕	✓
Michael Roach	John Ball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharon Lynch	St William of York	✓	a	✓	✓	✓
Keith Barr	Kender	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nursery School Headteacher						
Nikki Oldhams	Chelwood	a	a	✓	✓	a
Cathryn Kinsey	(Substitute)					s
Secondary School Headteachers						
Jan Shapiro	Addey & Stanhope	a	✓	✓	a	✓
David Sheppard	Leathersellers Federation	✓	a	✓	✓	✓
Mark Phillips	Deptford Green			✓	✓	a
Ruth Holden	Bonus Pastor			✓	a	a
Special School Headteacher						
Lynne Haines	Greenvale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pupil Referral Unit Headteacher						
Dr Liz Jones	Abbey Manor	✓	a	✓	✓	a
Primary School Governors						
Rosamund Clarke	Perrymount	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dame Erica Pienaar	John Ball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keith Dwan	King Alfred Federation	✓	✓	✓	✕	✓
Secondary & Special School Governors						
Pat Barber	Bonus Pastor	✓	a	✓	✓	✓
James Pollard	Addey & Stanhope	✓	a	✓	a	a
Ruth Elliot	Watergate	✓	✓	a	✓	✓
Academies						
Declan Jones	Haberdashers' Aske's	✓	a	✓	✓	✓
14-19 Consortium Rep						
Gordon Gillespie	14-19 Consortium		✕	s	✕	a

Early Years - PVI						
Dawn Nasser	Rose House Montessori					✓
Diocesan Authorities						
Sara Sanbrook-Davies	Southwark Diocesan Board of Education				✓	✓
Stephen Bryan	Education Commission	x	✓	✓	x	a

Also Present	
Sara Williams	Executive Director CYP
Dave Richards	CYP Group Finance Manager
Hayden Judd	Principal Accountant - Schools
Suhaib Saeed	LB Lewisham
Janita Aubun	Clerk

1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies received from Gordon Gillespie, Nikki Oldhams, James Pollard and Mark Phillips.
Apologies accepted.

Substitute for Nursery School Head, Cathryn Kinsey.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 8 December 2016

Minutes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. Funding Consultation

Forum were presented with an update on the outcome of the National Schools Funding Formula consultation of Spring 2016 and considered the second consultation which was issued at the same time and closes 22 March 2017. Forum were informed of the impact of the second consultation which included:-

- The introduction of a minimum of £200M additional funding nationally in 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 3% funding floor.
- Additional funding for high needs.

Background information

In terms of the % change total allocations between the current rate and the National Funding Formula (NFF), compared to the other boroughs, Lewisham is one of the 4 largest losers.

The DfE have confirmed that they will move to a 'soft' national funding formula in 2018/19, followed by a 'hard' formula. This means that with the implementation of the NFF, local authorities will still determine their individual schools' funding allocations through their own local formula.

Lewisham are however considering introducing the national funding formula straight away in 2018/19 but discussions are going to be held with the DfE before any firm decision is made.

Owing to the national funding formula proposed reductions of 3% for Lewisham schools and other cost pressures in the region of 8%, it is likely that schools will have to find reductions of 11% over the next 3 years

The Executive Director for Lewisham is meeting with the mayor next week to discuss the second National Funding Formula.

Decision:

- Position on the National Funding Formula – Consultation Stage 2, noted, and the Funding Task Group has been asked to draft a borough response to the consultation.

6. Dedicated Schools Grant Budget Report 2017/18

Forum were presented with a report to agree the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/18.

Forum were informed that the DSG for 2017/18 has provisionally been set at £290.7M by the DfE – an increase on last year of 1.5%.

Chair explained the voting rights were applicable for this paper.

Forum raised the issue of the apprenticeship levy and the use of a registered provider. It was felt that that the local authority should give schools guidance on this as funding to pay for apprenticeships and professional development for staff, will be lost after 2 years if not spent.

Recommendations agreed:-

- Allocate an extra £0.342M to schools on the basis of pupil numbers.
- That £0.3M of the above agreed allocation be de-delegated to support borough wide school-led improvement.
- PFI formula factor be introduced for secondary schools.

- That the PFI factor funds any annual schools cost of a PFI scheme which equates to more than 10% of the school's individual formula budget.
- The extra £0.5M allocated to the High Needs block be held in the High Needs Block.
- Schools members by voting phase, agree the below budget for 2017/18 that will be de-delegated.

Ref	Heading	Primary £'000	Secondary £'000
A	De-delegation for mainstream schools for Contingencies	460	190
B	Administration of free school meals	44	22
C	Staff costs – Supply Cover	1,195	490
D	School Improvement Fund	212	88

- School members agree the total direct spend on the admissions team be £489K in 2017/18, an increase of £40K.
- The minimum funding guarantee be applied to all-through schools so that primary and secondary pupils are protected at their appropriate rates.
- Agree the terms of reference for the following mutual funds:-
 - a. Supply
 - b. Contingency
 - c. Growth fund
- Discontinue the Balance Control Mechanism.

the Forum noted the following:-

Reduction to the Trade Union support budget.

Cost pressures on schools.

Work be undertaken to review the overheads charged to the DSG.

Position on additional hours for 3 and 4 year olds.

Position on the application of the MFG disapplication for special schools.

Work be undertaken to review the support services charged to the Dedicated Schools Grant.

A further report be brought to Forum on New Woodlands in March.

7. Any Other Business

Forum agreed that the 9th February meeting will no longer be taking place. No other business was raised.

Meeting closed.

Date of next meeting:-

16 March 4.30 to 6.30pm

SCHOOLS FORUM ACTION SUMMARY

ITEM	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFICER (S) RESPONSIBLE	OUTCOME/ CURRENT POSITION
Sub Group Membership March 2016	Add Secondary Head to Formula Consultation Task Group	Dave Richards	TBC
Schools Forum 17 January 2017, Item 6 – Support Services Charges	Review support services charges made to the DSG	Dave Richards	March 2017 schools forum
	Report on New Woodlands	Dave Richards	March 2017 schools forum