

Agenda

Thursday, 9 July 2020

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm, Virtual - Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

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1. Decisions of Forum Meeting 9th July 2020	1

Dates of Future Meetings

15th October 2020

10th December 2020

21st January 2021 (subject to change dependent on DfE timelines)

All meetings 16.30 to 18.30

Sub Group meetings

High Needs Sub Group
24 th September 2020 1 st October 2020 3 rd December 2020 28 th January 2021

Report Reference	Page reference	Report Title	Purpose of Document	Recommendation	Schools Forum Decision
Item 1		Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies	Note any apologies		
Item 2		Declaration of interests	None declared		
Item 3	1 to 7	Draft Minutes of the Meeting	For accuracy		
Item 4	1 to 7	Matters arising	No Matters arising		
Item 5		Finance workplan	The purpose of the report was to provide the proposed meeting dates and work plans for Schools Forum over the coming year. Meeting dates are strategically placed to gain input from Forum at the most appropriate times.	1.6 Schools forum's required four meetings are set out in a table with guidance on the topic/s that needs to be covered. It is recommended that Forum note these. The report also noted the potential consultations due during 2020/21 including streamlining of grants/high needs/hospital provision etc 1.9 The dates for the four meetings 2020/21	Noted Noted, with a request that virtual access is also available.
Item 6	Page 1	DSG 2019/20 Outturn Position Including Schools Balance Position	The purpose of this report was to update Schools Forum with regards to the 2019/20 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn position including the position with regards to Schools Balances.	1.5 Table 1 show the DSG position for 2019/20. It is recommended that Forum note the High Needs block overspend.	Noted
1.14 The Schools Forum was asked to note that delivering on the SEN-D agenda within the finance now available will be challenging. Recognising the increase in the number of EHCP especially in relation to FE and under 5 --both have been new areas of responsibility since the high needs block was introduced.				Noted	
1.17 Schools Forum was asked to note the concerns regarding the pressure on the High Needs Block and the recommendation of the continuation of the High Needs Working group.				Noted	
1.23 Schools Forum was asked to note the overall school balances position				Noted	
Item 7		Dedicated Schools Grant 2020/21	The purpose of this report was to update Schools Forum, with regards to the 2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).	1.11 Schools Forum was informed of the anticipated overspend of at least £2.5m, to £5m. Based on the 2019/20 overspend of £2.6m -- potential outcomes of mitigation plan could reduce this however mitigation plan will take time to embed --also growth in plans is a pressure factor 1.12 Schools Forum was informed of the concern that the High Needs Block overspend would trigger DfE intervention for a recovery plan.	Noted Noted
Item 8		Verbal Updates	Term time Only	Scenario planning is being carried out awaiting any further updates.	Noted
			Covid Claim	The deadline for the School's submission is 21/7/2020. Training seminars held with schools	Noted
			High Needs Update	Already covered above	Agreed
			Nursery Schools	Already covered above	Agreed
			membership	Membership requires review in light of Sedgell transfer --to be considered in the autumn once pupil numbers are known	Agreed
Item 9		AOB			None