

Schools Forum - Decision Sheet

Meeting Date

19/01/23

Report Reference	Page Reference	Report Title	Purpose of Document	Recommendation	Schools Forum Decision
Item 1		Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies. Welcome New Members.	Apologies from Lynne Haines (Special Schools) & Miz Mann (Academies). Heather Johnston (PRU) renewed term of office.		Apologies accepted & noted. Reappointment noted.
Item 2		Declaration of Interest	n/a		
Item 3	page 1 - 4	Minutes of meeting - 15 Dec 2022	To agree on minutes of previous meeting	Page 1, incorrect school name against Michael Sullivan (Secondary Head). Corrected, remainder is accurate.	Agreed as accurate.
Item 4		Matters Arising	Jacqueline Noakes (Primary Head) resignation with immediate effect. Lynne Haines (Special Schools), resigning end of 2022/23 academic year.	Chair to seek replacement representations on forum.	Noted.
Item 5	page 5 -12	Summary of the Schools Funding Settlement 2023/24	This report provides an overview position of the 2023/24 DSG mainly for information. With regards Early Years Funding, additional funding to be distributed using current forum agreed method. Decision on the transfer of the Teachers Pension and Pay Grant (TPPG) required - with proposal to consider the use of a Quality Factor -Teacher led.	Schools Forum was asked to note the overall increase in schools funding for 2023/24 . Schools Forum was asked to note the reduction in CSSB of £0.4m. Schools' forum to note the increase in High Needs funding as stated and to continue to note the requirement on the LA (in partnership with their schools forum) to set a balanced budget position. Schools forum to note the increase in Early Years funding but to note that the new settlement whilst welcomed as additional funding, will continue to place pressure on EY providers, as the increase rectifies some of the previous underfunding. Schools Forum further asked to note and agree the distribution of funding for the 3 & 4 year old and 2 year old hourly rates in line with the current method. Schools Forum was asked to agree the distribution of the funding on "Quality based factor linked to teachers". Assuming Schools Forum support this process, a data collection exercise will be required, which will then determine those providers that should receive a quality factor and the value of that factor.	All noted and agreed by forum. Following the data collection exercise, a paper is to be brought to forum in June confirming the allocation.
Item 6	page 13 - 29	Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/24 - Authority Proforma Tool - Submission to the Department for Education		Forum to approve the APT for submission to the DfE that allows for the application of National Funding Formula, £300,000 for the growth fund and the remaining balance (up to 0.5% of Schools Block funding) to be transferred to High Needs Block. TOFTUA – formally agree the 2023/24 per pupil values for consideration as part of the delegation and also direct charging to academy and special schools. Review of PFI factor - feedback from meeting with Secondary Heads.	APT approved for submission to DfE as per recommendation. TOFTUA - agreed. PFI factor - Head teachers will be considering this at a separate meeting; depending on the outcome of that meeting a extraordinary meeting of the forum may be required.
Item 7		Any other Business		NONE	

Agreed by Matthew Ringham

Chair of Schools Forum