



## **Schools Forum**

Date: Monday, 22 March 2021  
Time: 4.00 pm  
Venue: To be held virtually

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

## **Membership of the Schools Forum**

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**Secondary Sector Headteachers (1)** Gillian Houghton

**Primary Sector Headteachers (4)** Patricia Adams, Mike Cooke, Hatim Kapacee, Saeeda Ishaq

**Primary Sector Governors (4)** Nichola Davidge, Tony Daly, Michael Flanagan

**Special School Headteachers (1)** Alan Braven

**Special School Governor (1)** Walid Omara

**Academy Representative (6)** Andy Park, Emma Merva, Joshua Rowe, Michael Carson, Edward Vitalis

**Pupil Referral Unit Representative (1)** Helen McAndrew

**Nursery School Representative (1)** Joanne Fenton

**Non-School Members (9)** Isobel Booter, Councillor Stone, Cath Baggaley, John Morgan, Elizabeth Cummings, Antonio de Paola

## Agenda

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- 1. Urgent Business**  
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent
- 2. Appeals**  
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda
- 3. Minutes**  
To submit the minutes of the last meeting for consideration as a correct record. 5 - 8
- 4. Excess Balances Clawback 2021/22**  
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children and Families is attached. 9 - 14
- 5. Manchester Growth Fund Concerns**  
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children and Schools is attached. 15 - 18
- 6. High Needs Block Consultation**  
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children and Schools is attached. 19 - 28

## Information about the Forum

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Schools are represented on the Forum by headteachers and school governors, elected to reflect all categories of school. In Manchester; there are non-school representatives from the teacher associations; additional non-voting places are reserved for invited elected members and representatives of other interested bodies.

The Forum members work together to provide a clear consensus of professional advice to education decision-makers, to achieve a transparent deployment of available resources. The Forum provides a formal channel of communication between the Council and schools for consultation concerning the funding of schools, and aims to agree recommendations which present the best possible compromise between competing claims on limited resources; has strategic oversight of ALL funding decisions affecting schools, and is involved in annual consultation in respect of the Council's functions relating to the schools budget in connection with the following:

- pupils with SEN (Special Educational Needs)
- early years
- revisions to the Council's scheme for the financing of schools
- administration of central government grants to schools including Standards Funds
- arrangements for free school meals

The Forum must be consulted on any proposed changes to the Council's school funding formula, and the financial effects of any proposed changes.

Smoking is not allowed in Council buildings.

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## Further Information

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