



Schools Forum

Date: Monday, 12 July 2021
Time: 4.00 pm
Venue: To be held virtually:
<https://manchester-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/87025144273>

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Membership of the Schools Forum

Secondary Sector Headteachers Gillian Houghton

Primary Sector Headteachers Mike Cooke, Hatim Kapacee, Saeeda Ishaq, Gavin Shorthall

Primary Sector Governors Tony Daly, Lolita Hall, Philip Geldard

Special School Headteachers Alan Braven

Special School Governor Walid Omara

Academy Representative Andy Park, Emma Merva, Joshua Rowe, Michael Carson, Edward Vitalis

Pupil Referral Unit Representative Andrew Burton

Nursery School Representative (1) Joanne Fenton

Non-School Members (9) Cath Baggaley, John Morgan, Elizabeth Cummings, Antonio de Paola, Jenny Smillie

Agenda

- 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** 5 - 8
To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2021.
- 4. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and School Balances 2020/21 - Outturn Report** 9 - 18
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children’s and Schools is enclosed.
- 5. Analysis of Excessive School Balances 2020/21 & Clawback** 19 - 28
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children’s and Schools is enclosed
- 6. High Needs Block Overview** 29 - 46
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children and Families is enclosed.
- 7. Forward Plan** 47 - 48
The report of the Directorate Finance Lead – Children and Families is enclosed.

Information about the Forum

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.

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Further Information

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