



Schools Forum

Date: Monday, 17 June 2019

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Council Ante Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Access to the Council Ante Chamber

Public access to the Council Ante Chamber is on Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension, using the lift or stairs in the lobby of the Mount Street entrance to the Extension. That lobby can also be reached from the St. Peter's Square entrance and from Library Walk. **There is no public access from the Lloyd Street entrances of the Extension.**

Membership of the Schools Forum

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) Elizabeth Fritchley, Andy Park, Emma Merva, Ian Fenn, 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

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 - 10
To agree the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record.
4. **Excessive School Balances Mechanism - Revised Proposal** 11 - 18
5. **Free School Meals Eligibility** 19 - 30
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9. **Date of next meetings**

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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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