

Schools Forum Key Decisions Log January 2020 ongoing

Issue and Decision	Schools Forum date	Schools Forum agenda item no.	School Forum Minute
Update on Membership			
Philip Gregory, representing nursery sector and Peter Collins, representing academy sector reappointed unopposed as members of S/F. Maxine Wood appointed as 16-19 provider representative.	15/01/2020	3	748
Final 2020-21 DSG Settlement			
Noted that the PFI premises factor had been allocated within Schools Block and transfer of £500,000 from High Needs in relation to PFI unnecessary. LA to adjust transfer and to be kept under review.	15/01/2020	6	751
Schools Block 2020-21 - Final Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and budget timeline			
Final APT to be shared with S/F members electronically.	15/01/2020	7	752
Central Schools Services Block 2020-21			
S/F approved the transfer of £250,000 from High Needs to CSSB and agreed the service allocations as detailed at the meeting.	15/01/2020	8	753
Early Years Block 2020-21			
S/F agreed the use of centrally retained funds at 5% across the Early Years Block 2020-21.	15/01/2020	9	754
2019-20 DSG Budget monitoring (all blocks)			
S/F approved the deficits to be rolled forward into the new financial year.	15/01/2020	10	755
High Needs Place Change Notification			
Detailed report on Resource Bases and specialist provision to be shared.	15/01/2020	11	756
Meeting scheduled for 03/03/20 cancelled			
Meeting scheduled for 23/04/20 cancelled			
Meeting scheduled for 13/05/20 cancelled			
Annual DSG Report			
Concern expressed about Nursery funding. Piece of investigative work to be carried out on those schools holding excessively large amounts of money.			
Schools Forum noted overall deficit on 2019/20 DSG which would be reversible on 2020/21 DSG.	14/07/2020	7	768
High Needs/SEND Review Update 2020/21			
SBC Officers had met with ESFA representatives who acknowledged the SEND trends and pressures on Slough. Resources bases - ratification for any proposals suggested should be in line with Schools Forum calendar of meetings.	14/07/2020	8	769
Impact of Covid-19 on School Finances: Local Perspective			
ESFA representative to refer points raised by Forum members to the ESFA.	14/07/2020	11	772
Update from Task Groups: 5-16, HNB, Early Years			
Terms of Reference for respective T/G approved by Schools Forum for 2020/21.	14/07/2020	12	773
Election of Chair and Vice Chair			
Schools Forum endorsed the reappointment of John Constable as Chair for a further two-year term. Election of Vice Chair deferred to next meeting.	14/07/2020	14	775
Schools Forum Membership			
Nominations to be sought for a Primary academy governor representative and a Secondary academy representative	01/10/2020	5	781
Scheme for Financing Schools (maintained) 2020/21 & proposed consultation			
Maintained school members approved minor amendments in the Scheme for Financing Schools: Consultation document to be circulated.	01/10/2020	8	784
SEND Quarterly Update			
Quarterly visual of banding update to be shared with Schools Forum	01/10/2020	11	787
Update from Task Groups: Early Years, 5-16 and HNB			
All three Task Groups to arrange to meet.	01/10/2020	12	788
Any Other Business			
Chair to follow up whether ESFA representative had taken concerns back to DfE about Covid-19 associated precaution costs impacting on schools.	01/10/2020	15	791
Schools Block 2021/22: consultation outcome and Task Group recommendation			
Schools Forum endorsed the recommendation to move to full NFF or as close as final settlement allowed.			
Schools Forum rejected the request to transfer £600,000 from Schools Block to High Needs Block.			
Proposals to change SBC's Admissions Team noted. Schools Forum approved transfer of £100,000 from Schools Block to Central School Service Block in order to			

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support this change. Request for transfer and report to be made to Schools Forum on an annual basis.	09/12/2020	6	797
Scheme for Financing (maintained) Schools 2020/21: update on consultation			
Schools Forum noted the outcome of the consultation.	09/12/2020	8	799
High Needs Block Centrally Retained Budget			
Schools Forum noted the outcome of the consultation.	09/12/2020	9	800
Schools Forum Membership update			
Jamie Rockman and Neil Sykes reappointed for further 2 year terms of office as Special School/PRU representatives	19/01/2021	4	810
Schools Block Budget: Final Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and timeline for 2021/22			
Sign off by Cabinet (due on to meet 22 February) and ESFA prior to issuing budgets to schools.			
Ongoing issue of Maintained Nursery Supplement (MNS) had been raised with DfE as a financial risk and need for long-term plan requested.	19/01/2021	6	812
DSG Budget Monitoring Report (all blocks)			
Schools Forum NOTED the financial position and APPROVED the carry forwards of deficits, dependent on the figures presented to Schools Forum at their next meeting.	19/01/2021	7	813
High Needs Place Change Notification			
Schools Forum Noted the LA had submitted the ESFA High Needs Placement Change Notification 2021/22 form, in Novemembr 2020.	19/01/2021	8	814
Growth Fund 2021/22 allocations and issues			
Schools Forum AGREED the principles of the allocations 2021/22 and the carry forward and top slice for 2021/22. in line with the previous year and aligned with the Schools Block.	19/01/2021	9	815
DSG Deficit Management Plan update			
DSG Deficit Management Plan outlined, with a focus on High Needs deficit reduction but with a number of departments updating. This was a 'live' document which was to be available to stakeholders: the DfE would monitor and it was likely would request regular meetings with the LA and would review Schools Forum papers to confirm the members had been kept informed.	19/01/2021	11	817
Schools Forum Membership update			
Eddie Neighbour appointed as Academy representative for 2 year term of office.	24/03/2021	4	825
DSG Management Plan update			
SEND banding matrix to be further reviewed, to incorporate alternative provision and linked to Resource Base review work.			
DSG Management Plan to be presented to Schools Forum in the Summer term.	24/03/2021	8	829
SEND Quarterly Update			
Place top-up funding for schools with attached Resource bases queried. LA error affecting academies, to be reported on at next meeting.	24/03/2021	9	830
Update from Task Groups: Early Years, 5-16 and HNB			
Early Years: Schools Forum NOTED the conclusions in the report provided and AGREED the recommendation of EY Task Group for the introduction of Option 1, to come into effect from Thursday 1 April, 2021.			
Ongoing issue of Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) supplement discussed. Noted this is a national issue, resulting in a great deal of uncertainty in the sector.			
Chair of Schools Forum to draft letter of concern, on behalf of Schools Forum, in consultation with Michael Jarrett, LA and Phil Gregory, nursery headteacher representative.	24/03/2021	10	831
Schools Forum Membership update			
Number of member terms of office due to finish. Nominations to be invited.	13/05/2021	4	838
Growth Fund: financial year-end position			
It was explained that in reports monies were to be shown in a different format but it was noted that the amounts of money had not changed.	13/05/2021	6	840
SEND update			
Proposed that £170,000 to support Fair Access Funding, historically from HNB, be reduced to £120,000 this year and, pending further discussion, to be reduced to zero.	13/05/2021	7	841