Notice of Meeting

Schools Forum

Stuart Matthews (Academy School Representative) (Chair) Elizabeth Savage, Academy School Representative (Vice-Chair) Jenny Baker, Special School Representative Stuart Bevan, Primary School Representative (Headteacher) Sue Butler, Early Years PVI Provider Simon Cope, Primary School Representative (Headteacher Juanita Dunlop, Primary School Representative (Headteacher) Keith Grainger, Secondary School Representative (Headteacher) Tim Griffith, Academy School Representative (Governor) Trudi Sammons, Primary School Representative (Headteacher) Debbie Smith, Academy School Representative (Grant Strudley, Academy School Representative Paul Tatum, Trades Union Representative



Also Invited:

Councillor Roy Bailey, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Learning

Thursday 22 June 2023, 4.30 pm Zoom Meeting

Agenda

All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.

Item	Description	Page
1.	Apologies for Absence/Substitute Members	
	To receive apologies for absence and to note the attendance of any substitute members.	
	Reporting: ALL	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.	
	Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days.	
	Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting.	
	Reporting: ALL	

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3.	Minutes and Matters Arising	5 - 10
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of	
	Reporting: ALL	
4.	Changes to the Early Years' Free Entitlements	11 - 18
	To seek agreement on the principles for allocating the announced increase in funding to the elements of the Early Years Block Budget; to ratify the process for supporting business development to secure sufficient sustainable Early Years and Childcare provision and to update on the potential impact of the expansion of early years free entitlements included in the Government's budget announcement of 15 March 2023.	
	Reporting: Cherry Hall	
5.	Delivering Better Value in SEND Update	19 - 34
	To provide an update on the progress of the Delivering Better Value in SEND activity.	
	Reporting: Chris Kiernan	
6.	Update on College Hall Pupil Referral Unit	35 - 44
	To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the 2023-24 budget decisions made regarding College Hall Pupil Referral Unit (the PRU), including the approach to management of the £0.384m 2022-23 deficit.	
	Reporting: Cheryl Eyre	
7.	2022-23 Provisional Outturn on the Schools Budget and other Financial Matters	45 - 58
	To inform members of the provisional outturn on the 2022-23 Schools Budget, including the allocation of balances and use of Earmarked Reserves. There is also a brief update on the financial consultation with schools planned for the autumn term to help with initial preparations of the 2024-25 Schools Budget.	
	Reporting: Paul Clark	
8.	2022-23 Balances held by Maintained Schools	59 - 80
	To update members on the level of balances held by maintained schools as at 31 March 2023, how these compare to the previous financial year, and to consider whether any significant surplus balances should be subject to clawback and re-invested within the overall Schools Budget.	
	Reporting: Paul Clark	
9.	2022-23 Funding Allocations to Mainstream Schools from Budgets Centrally Managed by the Council	81 - 102
	To present information on the in-year allocation of funds to mainstream	

	schools through School Specific Contingencies and other budgets that are funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant and in the first instance centrally managed by the council. It also presents the opportunity to amend existing funding policies. These funds relate only to mainstream schools. Reporting: Paul Clark	
10.	Dates of Future Meetings	
	The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 4.30pm on Thursday 14 September 2023.	
	Reporting: Joanna Gibbons	

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