

## Notice of Meeting

### Schools Forum

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



### Also Invited:

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

**Thursday 16 November 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.	<b>Apologies for Absence/Substitute Members</b>	
	To receive apologies for absence and to note the attendance of any substitute members. <b>Reporting:</b> Jamie Beardsmore	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	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.	

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	<b>Reporting:</b> ALL	
3.	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b>	3 - 8
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 14 September. <b>Reporting:</b> ALL	
4.	<b>College Hall Update</b>	9 - 12
	To provide an update to Schools Forum on developments at College Hall, following the last report submitted on the 22 June. <b>Reporting:</b> Chris Kiernan, Interim Assistant Director: Education & Learning	
5.	<b>The Schools Budget 2023-24 Budget Monitoring</b>	13 - 24
	The purpose of this annual report is for the Schools Forum to receive an update on the 2023-24 forecast budget monitoring position for the Schools Budget, to be aware of key issues and management actions being taken and progress to date on the Education Capital Programme. <b>Reporting:</b> Paul Clark, Finance Business Partner	
6.	<b>Update on 2024-25 School Budgets including outcomes from the October 2023 Financial Consultation with Schools</b>	25 - 38
	The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Schools Forum on a revision to the funding rates to be used by the Department of Education (DfE) for funding mainstream schools in the 2024-25 Financial Settlement. It also provides an update on responses from schools to the annual financial consultation. <b>Reporting:</b> Paul Clark, Finance Business Partner	
7.	<b>Safety Valve Update</b>	39 - 48
	This report summarises work undertaken to date following the invitation from the Department for Education for Bracknell Forest Council to participate in its Safety Valve programme, which is focused on resolving the highest deficits in Dedicated School Grant budgets. <b>Reporting:</b> Grainne Siggins, Executive Director People	
8.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>	
	The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 4.30pm on Thursday	

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