

Rotherham Schools' Forum

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Date: Friday, 26 June 2020

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence.

To receive apologies from any Forum Member who are unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

To invite Forum Members to declare any interests they may have on agenda items to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (herewith) (Pages 1 - 8)

Recommendation:- To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January, 2020.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

To consider and report on any matters arising from the previous minutes.

Items for Discussion:-

5. Constitution and Membership of the Schools' Forum (attached) (Pages 9 - 11)

Report of the School Forum Clerk

Recommendation:- To note the current membership and to agree the replacement representatives for a maintained school member – primary governor sector and the Diocese of Hallam (as highlighted).

6. Dedicated Schools Grant - 2019/20 Outturn & 2020/21 Funding (herewith) (Pages 12 - 34)

Report by Vera Njegic/Neil Hardwick,
Schools Finance.

Recommendation:- To receive the report and note the contents.

7. Updates to the High Needs Block from 2020/21 ESFA Guidance (herewith) (Pages 35 - 44)

Report by Vera Njagic/Neil Hardwick, Schools Finance.

Recommendation:- (1) To note the process to agree initial place funding with educational institutions and the requirements to agree additional in year funding as detailed in the ESFA 2020-21 High Needs Funding Operational Guidance.

(2) To agree the proposed enhanced processes to confirm import/export places with each education institution and where incorrect action the enquiry process through the ESFA.

8. Enhancements to Payment of Element 3 (Top-Up) Funding for High Needs Learners (herewith) (Pages 45 - 111)

Report by Vera Njagic/Neil Hardwick, Schools Finance.

Recommendation:- To approve the enhancements to the payments process of Element 3 (Top up Funding) from the DSG High Needs Block to all mainstream, special schools, PRU's and Further Education institutions for all Rotherham High Needs Learners (HNL's).

9. Update on SEN Sufficiency Projects (herewith) (Pages 112 - 118)

Report by Mary Jarrett, Head of Inclusion.

Recommendation:- To note the progress in relation to developing the new SEN Sufficiency projects.

10. SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy, SEMH Strategy and SEND Sufficiency Strategy

Update by Jenny Lingrell,
Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Inclusion.

Recommendation:- To receive an update on the SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy, the SEMH Strategy and SEND Sufficiency Strategy.

11. Alternative Provision Review

Update by Jenny Lingrell,
Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Inclusion.

Recommendation:- To receive an update on the Alternative Provision Review.

12. Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) (herewith) (Pages 119 - 121)

Report by Andrew Shaw, Risk Management, Finance.

Recommendation:- To receive the report and note the contents.

13. Expanding and New Schools Contingency Funding Formula (herewith) (Pages 122 - 124)

Report by Dean Fenton Head of Access to Education.

Recommendation:- To note the current expanding and new school growth funding allocations formulas.

14. Waverley Disapplication Request (herewith) (Pages 125 - 126)

Report by Neil Hardwick,
Schools Finance.

Recommendation:- To receive the report and note and support the contents.

15. Free School Meals Applications (herewith) (Page 127)

Report by Neil Hardwick, Schools Finance.

Recommendation:- To receive the report and note the contents.

16. Any Other Business. (Pages 128 - 129)

Recommendation:- To receive any other items of urgent business:-

(a) DfE School Funding guidance - COVID Pandemic.

17. Dates of Next and Future Meetings

Recommendation:- To consider and agree the dates and times of the next meetings of the Rotherham Schools' Forum on Friday, 18th September and 20th November, 2020 – venue to be confirmed.