

Rotherham Schools' Forum

Venue: Rockingham Professional Development Centre

Date: Friday 28 April 2023

Time: 8.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome by the Chair and introductions by all Forum Members present.

2. Apologies for Absence

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

3. 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.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 13th January and 24th February, 2023 (Pages 5 - 15)

Recommendation:- To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th January and 24th February, 2023

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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

6. Membership and Constitution of the Rotherham Schools Forum (Standing Item)

To consider any updates or amendments to the membership of the Schools Forum.

Based on the School Sector Breakdown:-

- To move Nevine Towers from being a Diocese Representative to a Primary Academy Representative (filling a vacancy) – Diocese Representative nomination pending.

- For Paul Wilkinson, Chief Finance Officer – ACET, to replace Dominic Curran as Secondary Academy Representative.

Recommendation:- To consider and approve the amendments/updates to the membership of the Rotherham Schools Forum.

7. Early Years - Overview of Government Announcement (Pages 17 - 23)

Aileen Chambers and Neil Hardwick to report.

Recommendation:- To note the report contents and receive an update report when the funding rates have been announced and the interim sufficiency analysis has been completed.

8. Exclusions Report (Pages 25 - 35)

Nathan Heath to report.

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

9. Update on Scheme for Financing Schools (Pages 37 - 98)

Neil Hardwick to report.

Recommendations:- (1) That Schools Forum note the updates to the Scheme for Financing Schools sections highlighted in yellow.

(2) That Schools Forum note the DfE's latest version, updated 31 March 2023.

(3) That the Schools Forum agree for the Updated Scheme for Financing Schools to be disseminated to schools.

10. Update on High Needs Block (HNB) Operational Guidance 2022/2023 (Pages 99 - 101)

Vera Njegic and Neil Hardwick to report.

Recommendation:- (1) To receive the report and note the 2023/2024 High Needs Operational Guidance

(2) To note the guidance update and 2023-2024 funding allocations.

11. Safety Valve

Nathan Heath to report.

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

12. Update from High Needs Sub-Group including Notional SEN

Nathan Heath to report.

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

13. Teachers and NJC Pay Awards

Amy Leech to report.

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

14. Any Other Business

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

15. Date of Next Meeting

Recommendation:- To consider and agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Rotherham Schools' Forum on Friday, 23rd June, 2023 at 8.30 a.m. at Rockingham PDC.