

Rotherham Schools' Forum

Venue: Rockingham Professional Development Centre

Date: Friday 1 December 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 Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

Recommendation:- To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd September, 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) (include full list of members and who has voting rights)

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

7. DSG Sustainability & High Needs Finance Update (Pages 11 - 15)

Neil Hardwick to report.

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

8. School Funding Formula Consultation (Pages 17 - 25)

Louise Keith / Vera Njegic to report.

Recommendation:- That the Schools' Forum note the content of the report and that votes be undertaken with the appropriate members of the Schools' Forum to agree the school and academy local funding formula for 2024/25 for submission in January 2024.

9. High Needs Block Sub Group

Neil Hardwick to report.

Recommendation: To receive the report and note the contents.

10. Send Sufficiency Phase 4 Update

Mark Cummins to report

Recommendation: To receive the report and note the contents.

11. Education Safeguarding Role Update (Pages 27 - 30)

Pam Ward to report.

Recommendation: (1) To agree proposed staffing arrangements to include the additional Safeguarding Officer post. This would lead to a review and streamlining of current responsibilities, build capacity and avoid a single point of failure.

(2) To agree proposed basis of funding charge to schools for both 2023/24 and 2024/25.

12. Early Years Expansion and Early Education and Childcare Strategy (Pages 31 - 34)

Aileen Chambers / Pam Ward to report.

Recommendation: To receive the report and note the contents.

13. Schools Forum Forward Plan (Non-Finance Reports)

Chair to report.

Recommendation:- To consider and agree a future schedule of non-finance related reports at the Rotherham Schools' Forum.

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 12th January, 2024 at 8.30 a.m. at Rockingham Professional Development Centre.