

Rotherham Schools' Forum

Venue: Rockingham Professional Development Centre **Date: Friday 26 April 2024**

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 - 14)

Recommendation:- To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2024.

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.

7. Rotherham Schools Forum Review

Julien Kramer to report.

Recommendation: - To receive an update on the proposals for the Schools Forum Review.

8. Early Education Funding Update (Pages 15 - 89)

Aileen Chambers to report.

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

9. SEND Sufficiency Update (Pages 91 - 96)

Mark Cummins to report.

Recommendation:- To receive the report and note the progress and next steps identified for the SEND Sufficiency Programme.

10. Exclusions, Suspensions and PRU Data (Pages 97 - 100)

Kelly Crompton to report.

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

11. Latest Schools DSG Outturn Position 2023-24 (Pages 101 - 105)

Joshua Amahwe/Louise Keith to report.

Recommendation:- (1) To note the information contained within this report.

(2) To note that the centrally retained early years balance is subject to change dependent on the early years' adjustment for the Spring 2024 census count.

12. High Needs Block Budget Funding Arrangements 2024-25 (Pages 107 - 117)

Joshua Amahwe/Vera Njelic to report.

Recommendation:- (1) To note the high needs funding settlement (including the outcome of the disapplication request) for 2024/25.

(2) To note the proposed funding requirements for 2024/25, particularly in relation to the number of commissioned specialist places and the payment of top up funding to mainstream, special schools /academies, and other providers and settings.

13. Schools Forum Forward Plan (Pages 119 - 120)

Recommendation:- To consider the attached Forward Plan of agenda items and receive any updates.

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 21st June 2024 at 8.30 a.m. at Rockingham Professional Development Centre.