

## **ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM**

**Date and Time:-** Friday 13 September 2024 at 8.30 a.m.

**Venue:-** Rockingham Professional Development Centre,  
Roughwood Road, Rotherham. S61 4HY

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

### **AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome by the outgoing Vice-Chair and introductions by all Forum Members present.

**2. Appointment of Chair**

To receive nominations and agree a new Chair of the Schools Forum.

**3. Appointment for Vice-Chair**

To receive nominations and agree a new Vice-Chair of the Schools Forum.

**4. Apologies for Absence**

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

**5. 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.

**6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 11)**

Recommendation:- To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.

**7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

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

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

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

**9. Schools Budgets 2024-25 - Latest Position (Pages 13 - 19)**

Louise Keith/Joshua Amahwe to report.

Recommendation(s):- (1) To note the latest DSG funding for schools for the 2024/25 financial year.

(2) To note the financial positions of Rotherham's maintained schools and the identified financial risks against the schools DSG budgets for the year.

(3) To note the announcements of the Teachers Pay Award alongside the Core Schools Budget Grant allocation.

(4) To note the delay to the publication of the indicative schools and high needs national funding formula (NFF) allocations for 2025-26 due to the timing of the general election.

**10. Growth Fund Policy (Pages 21 - 27)**

Louise Keith/Joshua Amahwe to report.

Recommendation:- To note the changes introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) and approve the local Growth Policy to be adopted for Rotherham.

**11. Free School Meals - Auto Enrolment Update (Pages 29 - 31)**

Louise Keith / Joshua Amahwe to report.

Recommendation:- To note the total number of additional families identified through the process and the additional pupil premium generated.

**12. Matrix of Need (Pages 33 - 52)**

Cary-Anne Sykes to report.

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

**13. SEND Sufficiency Update (Pages 53 - 56)**

Mark Cummins to report.

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

**14. Reduced Timetables - Understanding and Impact (Pages 57 - 60)**

Sarah Whitby to report.

Recommendation(s):- (1) To receive the report and note the contents.

(2) To agree to receive an annual update on the use of reduced timetables.

**15. Annual Exclusions Data (Pages 61 - 65)**

Sarah Whitby to report.

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

**16. Schools' Forum Forward Plan (Pages 67 - 68)**

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

**17. Any Other Business**

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

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

Recommendation:- To consider and agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Rotherham Schools' Forum on 15th November 2024 at 8.30 a.m. at Rockingham Professional Development Centre.

**The next meeting of the Rotherham Schools Forum will  
be held on Friday 15 November 2024  
commencing at 8.30 a.m.  
in Rockingham Professional Development Centre.**



SHARON KEMP OBE,  
Chief Executive.