

ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM

Date and Time:- Friday 13 December 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 Vice Chair and introductions by all Forum Members present.

2. Apologies for Absence

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

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Forum Members in respect of items listed on the agenda and to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

4. Appointment of Chair

To appoint a new Chair of the Rotherham Schools Forum.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 15)

To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th September, 2024.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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

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

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

Based on the School Sector Breakdown to remove:-

- Kirstey Peart representing Primary School Headteachers (Maintained) who has stepped down from the Forum leaving a vacancy.

8. Schools Forum Review Feedback

Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion to report.

Recommendation:

That Schools Forum receive and note the update.

9. SEND Sufficiency Update

Transformation Lead, Commissioning, Performance and Quality to report

Recommendation:

That Schools Forum receive and note the update.

10. Dedicated School Grant (DSG) and Schools Budgets 2024-25 - Latest Position (Pages 17 - 20)

Head of Finance (CYPS) and Principal Finance Officer (CYPS) to report.

Recommendations:

1. That Schools Forum note the latest published DSG funding for schools for the 2024/25 financial year.
2. That Schools Forum note the financial positions of Rotherham's maintained schools and the identified financial risks against the schools DSG budgets for the year.

11. School Funding Formula Consultation Outcome (Part A) (Pages 21 - 27)

Head of Finance (CYPS) and Principal Finance Officer (CYPS) to report.

Recommendation:

That Members of Schools Forum note the contents of this report.

12. School Funding Formula Consultation Outcome (Part B) - (School funding transfer to high needs) (Pages 29 - 49)

Head of Finance (CYPS) and Principal Finance Officer (CYPS) to report.

Recommendations:

1. That the Schools Forum note the outcome(s) of the recent consultation with schools on the proposal for a block funding transfer to the high needs budget.
2. That the Schools Forum approve the council's proposal to transfer 0.5% of the schools block funding in 2025/26 to the high needs budget to address ongoing cost pressures.

13. Early Years and Wraparound Expansion Update (Pages 51 - 53)

Head of Service, Early Years and Childcare to report.

Recommendation:

That Schools Forum note and approve the content of the report.

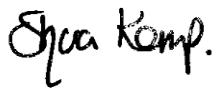
14. Schools Forum Forward Plan (Pages 55 - 56)

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

15. Any Other Urgent Business

To receive any other items of urgent business.

**The next meeting of the Rotherham Schools Forum will
be held on Friday 17 January 2025
commencing at 8.30 a.m.
in Rockingham Professional Development Centre.**



**SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.**