

**ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM
FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2015**

Present:- D. Naisbitt (in the Chair).

Learning Community representatives: - D. Ball (Aston), K. Sherburn (Rawmarsh), J. Morrison (Swinton), R. Burman (Winterhill), L. Pepper (Clifton), D. Naisbitt (Oakwood), P. Dobbin (Wingfield), C. Eccles and I. Holborn (Dinnington), R. Fone (Brinsworth), D. Sutton (Maltby), P. Di'Iasio (Wales).

Other stakeholder groups: - S. Mallinder (Primary Governors), F. Sprague (Teaching Trade Unions), M. Badger (Support Staff Unions), P. Bloor (PRUs), P. Sayles (Rotherham Colleges), A. Richards (Secondary Governors), D. Ashmore (Teaching Schools).

Also in attendance: - K. Borthwick (Skills and Learning), C. Harrison (Inclusion), v. Njegic (Finance), H. Etheridge (Legal and Democratic Services).

Observers: - M. Young.

Apologies for absence: - D. Silvester (Wath), H. McLaughlin (Saint Pius), S. Scott (Early Years PVI), G. Alton (P. Sayles representing), Councillor L. Pitchley, J. Robertson (Finance), I. Thomas (CYPS), S. Brook (F. Sprague representing).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. ESTABLISHING A NEW COMMISSIONING MODEL FOR ROTHERHAM'S SCHOOLS FOR PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED PUPILS.

Chris Harrison, Policy Lead for Inclusion, introduced a proposed model regarding commissioning appropriate provision for permanently excluded pupils.

The model shared related to a secondary model. Each place cost £17k. It would be possible for schools individually, or within a cluster, to cash-in the place and use the money for other Alternative Provision.

Allocation of the current 90 places within the secondary phase to individual schools or clusters would be done through factors/indicators. Models looking at number on roll, deprivation, mobility and attainment had been produced. Currently there were 25 places within the primary phase.

Management of existing placements in Rotherham's PRU could be necessary, including returning some children to mainstream. This would free up a place, which could then be backfilled or cashed-in.

Discussion followed and the Rotherham Schools' Forum members raised the following points: -

- Rotherham's special schools were currently under their admission number;
- How the proposed model would work alongside the Fair Access Protocol;
- Why was secondary being prevented separately? Many issues started in primary school and could be prevented from escalating if the resources were there;
- How the proposed model would work alongside managed moves. Especially if managed moves operated outside of the cluster schools formed for PRU provision/places;
- Different schools had different rates of exclusion;
- Recognising and working with parental preference;
- Working with schools on Rotherham's borders.

3. NEXT STEPS.

David Naisbitt asked RSF members to go back to their learning communities/stakeholder groups and share the principles of the model.

The substantive item on of RSF meeting planned for Friday 2nd October would be on whether this model could be supported; attendees would be asked to support or reject the model presented.

Some areas of information were felt to be missing before a decision on the model could be taken: -

- Greater clarity on the relationship/co-ordination between SEN provision, managed moves and the Fair Access Protocol and the proposed commissioning model;
- Clarity needed on the primary model;
- Not all Learning Communities operated in the same ways.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS: -

- 2nd October, 2015;
- 4th December, 2015 (moved from 27th November, 2015, RPDC was not available);

- 15th January, 2016;
- 4th March, 2016;
- 22nd April, 2016;
- 17th June, 2016.

All meetings to start at 8.30 a.m. at Rockingham Professional Development Centre. Every effort would be made for the meetings to end by 10.30 a.m. prompt.