

## **SCHOOLS FORUM**

MEETING, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021

### **Representing Primary School Head teachers**

Claire Whalley	Sunning Hill primary School
Rob Dean	St. Thomas's CE Primary School
Vicky Chatterjee	Clarendon Primary School

### **Representing Primary School Governors**

David Bevitt	Devonshire Road Primary School
Daniel Gauld	Heathfield Primary School
Anthony Slack	Walmsley / All Saints Primary Schools
Clair Beswick	Johnson Fold Primary School

### **Representing Secondary School Governors**

Joanne Murphy	Westhoughton High School
Patti Jones	St. Joseph's RC High School

### **Representing Academy Schools**

Simon Bramwell	Vantage Academy Trust
Rachel Lucas	Bolton St. Catherine's Academy
Martin Knowles	Essa Academy

### **Representing Early Years Settings**

Sue Pounds	Grosvenor Nursery School
Julie Robinson	Private Setting

### **Representing the RC Diocese**

Nicola Rabbett	RC Diocese
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### **Representing Special Schools**

Susan Tailor (Vice-Chairman)	Ladywood School
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Sarah Greenhalgh

Rumworth School

### **Representing the Unions**

Lauren Alergant

Unison

Matthew Wilkinson

Joint Teaching Unions

### **Also in Attendance**

Councillor Galloway

BMBC

Bernie Brown

People Department

Paul Rankin

People Department

Julie Edwards

Chief Executives Department

Lisa Butcher

Chief Executives Department

Ian D Mulholland

Democratic Services

Helen Shearer

Bolton Council Start Well

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Sarah Bagshaw and Stephen Gribbon.

Daniel Gauld, Chairman

## **17. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a correct record.

## **18. 2021-2022 DSG BUDGET REPORT**

The Director of People and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a joint report which summarised the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) position for 2021-22 and also sought agreement on recommendations to the Executive Cabinet Member.

The report explained that the initial 2021-22 DSG for Bolton, before academy recoupment and high needs places deduction had been confirmed as £317,522,000.

The report went on to give specific details in terms of –

- Schools funding formula consultation;
- Transfer 0.5% of schools budget to high needs;
- Minimum funding guarantee;
- 2021-22 formula details,
- The growth fund;
- Reconciliation to DSG Schools Block;
- De-delegation;
- Central Schools Services Block;
- Early Years Block;
- High Needs Block; and
- Pupil Premium.

Members in their discussions referred to matters around the national funding formula.

Resolved – That the Executive Cabinet Member be recommended to approve the following, as detailed in the report, viz-

- (i) The transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block to the high Needs Block.
- (ii) Adopt a minimum funding guarantee of 2% per pupil.
- (iii) Approve the 2021-22 unit values in appendix B.
- (iv) Growth Fund criteria
- (v) De-delegation levels.
- (vi) Central Schools Services expenditure.
- (vii) Early Years expenditure.

## **19. FORMULA REVIEW SUB-GROUP MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 were submitted.

Resolved – (i) That the minutes be noted.

(ii) That thanks be expressed for the hard work of those on the Formula Review Sub-Group.

## **20. EARLY YEARS SUB-GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 were submitted.

Members in their discussions referred to budget changes.

Resolved – that the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 2.55 p.m.)