SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING, 12th NOVEMBER ,2021

Representing Primary School Head teachers

Claire Whalley	Sunning Hill primary School
Vicky Chatterjee	Clarendon Primary School
Jo Briggs	Hardy Mill Primary School
Jo Grundy	The Oaks Primary School

Representing Primary School Governors

David Bevitt	Devonshire Road Primary School
Daniel Gauld	Heathfield Primary School
Clair Beswick	Johnson Fold Primary School

Representing Secondary School Governors

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

Representing Secondary School Headteachers

Andrea O'Callaghan	Thornleigh College

Representing Academy Schools

Dominic McKeon	Little Lever School
Sarah Bagshaw	St. Bede CE

Representing Nursery Schools

Sue Pounds	Grosvenor Nursery School

Representing the RC Diocese

Nicola Rabbett	RC Diocese

Representing Academy AP Settings

David Smith	Bolton Impact Trust

Also in Attendance

Councillor Galloway	BMBC
Geraldine Whitehead	Assistant Director Inclusive Education and Learning
Julie Edwards	Chief Executives Department
Lisa Butcher	Chief Executives Department
Ian D Mulholland	Democratic Services

Apologies for absence were submitted by Martin Knowles, Helen Shearer, Rachel Lucas, Lauren Alergant, Julie Robinson and Simon Bramwell)

Daniel Gauld, Chairman

39. DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST

Clair Beswick declared an interest as the owner of a private day nursery.
Sarah Bagshaw declared an interest as a nursery director of children's charity.

40. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

41. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 17th September, 2021 were submitted.

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

42. DSG FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT, QUARTER TWO, 2021/22

The Director of Children's Services and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which provided information in relation to the financial position for the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2021/22 financial year as at quarter two.

Resolved – That the expected financial position as at 31st March, 2022 and the changes in the capital programme be noted.

43. SCHOOL FUNDING CONSULTATION 2022-23

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which updated the Forum on the latest budget announcements, the spending review and discussed the principles to be adopted in the school budget consultation for 2022-23.

The report referred to increases built into the funding formula, key features of a local authority funding formula and the initial DSG settlement.

In terms of the spending review, HM Government had now published its review for the period 2024-2025 and this detailed an increase to the core budget of £4.7bn by 2024/25 compared to the original announcement.

The report also updated in terms of unit values, the high needs block, the consultation, de-delegation and school improvement de-delegation.

In conclusion it was reported that the consultation outcome would be reported to the next meeting of this Forum.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- The position regarding the high needs block;
- Any plans to reduce the 2% mfg over time;
- Briefing schools; and
- The rates re early years.

Resolved – That the report and the discussions be noted.

44. FORMULA REVIEW SUB-GROUP MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November, 2021 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished at 2.37pm)