

## SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING, 18th October, 2013

### Representing Secondary School Governors

Joanne Murphy  
David Kay  
Renee Mellis

Westhoughton High School  
Sharples Science College  
Westhoughton High School

### Representing Primary School Head teachers

Mike Tonge  
Diane Bohan  
Janet Ramsdale

Prestolee Primary  
St. Teresa's Primary  
Chorley New Road Primary

### Representing Primary School Governors

Mike Doyle  
Lynne Kay  
Janet Whitehouse  
Pauline Lewis

Pikes Lane Primary School  
Sharples Primary  
Church Road Primary School  
Walmsley Primary

### Representing Secondary Head teachers

Tony Purcell  
Phil Hart  
Paul Roach

Rivington and Blackrod School  
Westhoughton High School  
Mount St. Joseph

### Representing Academies

Jack Hatch  
David Mole

Primary Academy  
Secondary Academy

### Representing Non-School Members

Malcolm Fullerton  
Jackie Winstanley

Joint Unions  
Unison

### Representing Church of England Diocese

Tania Lewyckyj

St. James's CE Secondary

Representing Nursery Schools

Ann MacLeod

Susan Isaacs Nursery School

Representing Roman Catholic Diocese

John Thorpe

Saints Osmund and Andrew RC Primary

Also in Attendance

David Smith

Children's Services

Julie Edwards

Children's Services

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Sandra Kelly, Jo Briggs, Maureen Morrissey and John Livesey.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman.

**24. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 were submitted.

**Resolved-** That the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a correct record subject to the deletion of Carolyn Hutton – Canterbury's Nurseries and the substitution therefore of Carolyn Hutton – PVI.

**25. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman pointed out that Pauline Lewis had joined the Formula Review group and that Rachel Quesnel had become a member of the Forum and Formula Review Group.

**Resolved –** That the position be noted.

**26. 2014/15 PROVISIONAL BUDGET REPORT**

The Director of Children and Adult Services submitted a report which set out the proposed funding formula for 2014/15 in preparation for the submission of the pro-forma to the Education Funding Agency.

By way of background information, the report explained that in preparation for the second year of the new School Funding system the Authority had been working

closely with the Formula Review Group to continue the implementation of the reforms in a fair and transparent way.

The report sets out a summary of the proposed changes to date, along with formal recommendations that needed to be made prior to submission to the Department for Education on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.

The financial impact of the proposals on each school were set out in appendix A to the report. Members were advised that the figures did not take into account the impact of future data changes, including pupil numbers, as those would only be available following the October meeting.

The report set out specific recommendations regarding the following areas –

- The factors available;
- Impact of the 2013/14 Baseline;
- Data Change – Prior Attainment Secondary;
- Data Change – Looked After Children;
- Historic SEN;
- Behaviour Support Allocation;
- Growth Funding;
- De-Delegation;
- Split Site;
- Other Factors;
- Pro-Forma; and
- Funding per Pupil.

In conclusion, the report explained that the figures were all based on October, 2012 data. Following the October, 2013 census another pro-forma was required to be submitted to the DfE in January, 2014. The impact of the census would be brought to the next Forum.

Members in their discussions referred to -

- the review of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Factor;
- the impact of free schools on the primary expansion programme;
- Split Site funding for the Orchards was not required as the federation received three individual school budgets and the bid was not costed out in enough detail; and
- Funding per pupil and numbers of FSM rather than percentages should be shown and that Bolton still needed to narrow the gap of the highest to lowest funded schools compared to other local authorities.

**Resolved** - That approval be given to –

- (i) The factors as set out in the report to be adopted within the funding formula for 2014/15.
- (ii) Data Change, Prior Attainment Secondary – to keep the prior attainment funding pot the same and reduce the unit value.

- (iii) Data Change – Looked After Children – to retain the current Looked after Children unit value and increase the funding pot.
- (iv) Historic SEN – to allocate the historic SEN funding equally over FSM, IDACI and Prior Attainment.
- (v) Behaviour Support Allocation – allocate the funding equally over FSM, IDACI and Prior Attainment.
- (vi) Growth Funding – create a growth fund of £440,000 for additional classes required as part of the Primary Expansion Programme.
- (vii) De-Delegation – the de-delegation of services as set out in the table.
- (viii) Split Site – that the Schools Forum do not approve split funding for the Orchards Federation.
- (ix) Other factors – the Schools Forum maintain all other factors in the 2014/15 formula the same as in 2013/14.
- (x) Pro-Forma – the pro-forma for submission to the DfE by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.

## **27. FORMULA REVIEW MINUTES**

The minutes of meetings of the Formula Review Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 were submitted

Members in their discussions referred to the issue of international new arrivals in terms of the limitations of the funding formula.

**Resolved –** (i) That the minutes be noted.

(ii) That a letter be sent to the Department for Education with evidence of concerns regarding the funding formula and international new arrivals and that information is brought to this Forum regarding the use of funding received by the Local Authority for international new arrivals.