

Schools Forum

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Wednesday, 12th October, 2022
at 4.00 pm

virtual Meeting via MS Teams

This meeting is open to the public

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 2)

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022, attached.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

4 STANDING ITEM: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Pages 3 - 4)

To consider a briefing paper giving an update on DFE/ESFA funding announcements.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING REMARKS AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To consider any additional items and note the date of forthcoming meetings

Day and Date: Wednesday 23 November 2022

Time: 3:45pm for 4:00pm start

Venue: Virtual

Tuesday, 4 October 2022

Service Lead, Education and Early Help,

Agenda Item 2

SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 June 2022

<u>In attendance</u>	
<u>Chair and Vice Chair</u>	
John Draper	Headteacher Swaythling Primary
Harry Kutty	Headteacher Cantell
<u>Primary Schools</u>	
Amanda Talbot-Jones	Headteacher -m St Denys Primary
PK Macbride	Governor -Banister Primary
Peter Howard	Headteacher – Fairisle Junior
<u>Secondary Schools</u>	
Jim Henderson	Headteacher Woodlands Community College
Roger Peplow	Governor – St Georges School
<u>Academy</u>	
Sean Preston	Hamwic Trust
<u>Special Schools</u>	
Maria Smyth	Headteacher – Vermont school
<u>Nursery</u>	
Anna Wright	PVI for Early Years
<u>Observers</u>	
Sue Thompson	Early Years/Sure Start
<u>SCC officers</u>	
Derek Wiles	
Steve Wade	
Clodagh Freeston	

Apologies

James Rouse	St Ann's Catholic School
Rob Sanders	Diocese of Winchester

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Forum agreed and noted the minutes of the meeting 23 March 2020.

2. **LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING & 2021/22 OUTTURN**

The forum received and noted the briefing papers detailing any updates in relation to Department for Education and Skills Funding Agency funding.

The paper noted:

- Department for Education and the Education and Skills Funding Agency have published allocations for the schools supplementary grant for 2022-2023 detailing how the funding was allocated, when the payments would be made and the number of payments that would be made;
- Information relating to Recovery Premium.
 - The 2021-2022 Outturn;
 - the deficit in the High Needs Block;
 - Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) team have an ongoing strategic review of the High Needs activity to manage demand for SEND services;
 - Early Years block funding; and
 - Dedicated Schools Grants movements in balances

3. **SCHOOLS ACCESS TO SCC AMAZON BUSINESS ACCOUNT**

The Forum received and noted a paper providing an outline of the SCC Amazon Business Account and how it may be accessed by the schools and the associated benefits local authority schools including:

- Single Payment Method;
- Streamlined approval and spend visibility for budget holders;
- Guided Buying; and
- Progressive Discounts.

The Paper set out the process of how schools would be able to use the card and that there are no obligations for Schools to sign up to the central account but, it must be noted that due to the fact that we have exercised domain authority over @southampton.gov.uk resulting in all SCC accounts being administered by Supplier Management under a central account. Interest schools that were eligible were advised to contact the Team Manager Buying Services to arrange for access to the account and to enable the set up of any user workshops or distribution of training/guidance material.

SUBJECT: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING & 2021/22 OUTTURN
DATE: 12 October 2022 (Previously published for 14 September meeting)
RECIPIENT: SCHOOL'S FORUM

SUMMARY:

Update of DFE/ESFA funding to provide update on

1. Provisional NFF Funding announcement 2023/24
2. Homes for Ukraine: education and childcare funding

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING

1. The DFE/ESFA have published provisional NFF funding for 2023/24. Note the Early Years NFF is determined by a separate NFF which is not yet available.

	2023/24 Provisional NFF (£)	Change to 2022/23 (£)	Change to 2022/23 (%)
Schools block	178,065,451	4,019,783	2.26%
Central school services block	1,643,696	- 99,747	-6.07%
High needs block	41,992,708	2,680,452	6.38%
Early years block	n/a	n/a	n/a
	221,701,855	6,600,487	2.98%

2. The comparison to 2022/23 includes the Schools Supplementary Grant (SSG) which will be incorporated into core budget allocations for 2023 to 2024.
3. The DfE notes overall national increase in funding through the schools NFF is 1.9% in 2023-24, and 1.9% per pupil, compared to 2022-23. The main features being:

BRIEFING PAPER

- a. Minimum per pupil funding levels have been set at Primary £4,405 per pupil, secondary £5,503 (KS3) and £6,033 (KS4) per pupil.
 - b. Additional support directed to disadvantaged pupils, by increasing the FSM6 and IDACI factors in the schools NFF by a greater amount than other factors. These factors will increase by 4.3%, compared to their 2022-23 values.
 - c. The core factors in the schools NFF (such as the basic entitlement, and the lump sum that all schools attract) will increase by 2.4%.
4. 2023-24 will be the first year of transition to the direct schools NFF, local authorities will only be allowed to use NFF factors in their local formulae, and must use all NFF factors, except any locally determined premises factors. These factors are built into the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and in Southampton we already “mirroring” the NFF.
 5. Local authorities will continue to set a minimum funding guarantee in local formulae, which in 2023-24 must be between +0.0% and +0.5%.
 6. Local authorities will again be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their total schools block allocations to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with schools forum approval. A disapplication will continue to be required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without schools forum approval.
 7. The national increase in high needs funding, between 2022-23 and 2023-24, will be £570 million, or 6.3%.
 8. The local authority has received detail of the Homes for Ukraine: education and childcare funding and is assessing the criteria laid out in the grant conditions. The funding must only be used for the provision of education and childcare for children ages 2 to 18 who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route.

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