

# Schools Forum

## PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Wednesday, 20th March, 2024  
at 4.00 pm

Virtual meeting

This meeting is open to the public at Conference Room 4, Civic Centre.

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## AGENDA

**1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

**2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 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**

To consider an update on any DFE/ESFA funding announcements.

**5 GROWTH FUNDING**

To receive a further update on growth funding, re-consider appropriate allocation of funds and consider a proposal for a block transfer from the Schools Block to the Central School Services Block.

To thereafter consider the need to review the Growth Policy.

**6 HIGH NEEDS BLOCK**

To receive a further update regarding the High Needs Block.

**7 RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK**

To receive a further update on the proposed restructure and services of the Education Service and thereafter to consider proposals for release to the Education Service of the first tranche of the ring-fenced £220,000 transferred from the Schools Block to the Central School Services Block.

**8 FINANCING SCHOOLS**

To receive an update regarding the policy and approach of the Education Service regarding school deficits and surpluses.

**9 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 10 July 2024.

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

Venue: Virtual and at Civic Centre.

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Service Lead, Education and Early Help,