

NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	
Title of report:	Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum – 6 December 2018
Type of report:	For information only
Executive summary: Including reason for submission	The minutes of the previous meeting of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum are presented for approval.
Budget / Risk implications:	N/A
Recommendations:	The minutes are approved as an accurate record.
Voting requirements:	N/A
Appendices: To be attached	N/A
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PRESENT:

Chair:	Ian Yapp
Primary Headteachers:	Robert Campbell, Damien Smith, Nick Styles, Karen O'Donnell
Secondary Headteachers:	Chris Knowles (deputising for David Read), Nick Hinchliffe, Julia Polley
Nursery Headteacher:	
Special Headteacher:	
Pupil Referral Service:	Nick Bell
Academies:	Helen Flynn, John Warren, Jon Watson
Governors:	Damien Smith
Early Years Providers:	
16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	
Trade Unions:	Chris Head
Observers:	Stephen Payne
In Attendance:	County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Stuart Carlton, Howard Emmett, Penny Yeadon, Sally Dunn, Julia Temple, Chris Reynolds, Nikki Joyce, Mandy Lambert (Clerk)
Apologies:	David Read, Helen Channing, Andrew Smith, Jillian Baker, Julie Stephenson, Andrew Buttery, Mark McCandless, Jonathan Tearle Amanda Caton, Andrew Smith, Debra Forsythe-Conroy, Sarah Moon-Gatford,

812: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members and informed the group of the current membership situation.

813: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

Current vacancies were outlined, 3 x primary, 3 x secondary, 1 x nursery, 1 x academy

814: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed.

815: MATTERS ARISING

NOTED: The proposed dates for future meetings.

816: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Circulated: The information from the TES news on “Nine ways the funding crisis is hitting schools”.

The Chair informed Schools Forum about correspondence to MPs with regard to schools funding.

817: PAFA DE-DELEGATION

CONSIDERED: The report showing the changes to the method of funding facilities arrangements including notes/questions to help prepare some further information for the Schools Forum.

NOTED:

- Schools Forum is being asked to de-delegate funding in 2019/20 to enable trade unions to develop a fully traded service from April 2020.
- Since the previous report presented to Schools Forum in November, an additional appendix was presented showing questions and answers.
- The combined historical cost of Teachers’ and UNISON facilities has now been confirmed by the Local Authority as £1.63 per pupil.
- CK strongly commended this to Schools Forum.
- PY stated that local arrangements are far more beneficial to support local secretaries to attend casework and allows consultation on policies at County level rather than school level. There is a Trade Union Act to bear in mind.
- NS asked about the rate for academies. This was outlined in the report at £2.70 for academies.
- The Chair talked about the historic deficit and the understanding about the rise in the cost and would recommend that if agreed would need to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. There would need to be some clarify on SLAs.

AGREED: To maintain the de-delegated process for the facilities fund for the upcoming year 2019/20 at a rate recovered from school budgets of £2.70 per pupil.

Maintained Primary Schools: For 4, against 0, abstentions 0;

Maintained Secondary Schools: For 2, against 0, abstentions 0.

AGREED: for CH to update Schools Forum in March 2019 on developments for the proposed traded offer for LA maintained schools from April 2020

818 HEALTHY PUPILS CAPITAL FUND

CONSIDERED: A report to brief the Schools Forum on the proposed process relating to distribution of the £608,112 Healthy pupils capital fund (HPCF) allocation for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools 2018/19. Included with the report is the guidance for responsible bodies who will receive direct allocations.

NOTED: NS asked about the limited reference to mental health projects and to what degree it supports children with mental health projects. The bids would be considered and are open to mental health projects. The training would be funded through revenue and some external funding to be considered for staff to access training.

RC asked for further guidance on the costings, what a proposal looks like and how would a school ensure that there is value for money.

CK expressed concern about the bidding process and who will help shape the bids. There would need to be accountability.

AGREED: To note the proposed HPCF approach contained in the report.

819: OVERVIEW OF FEEDBACK FROM HIGH NEEDS CONSULTATION

CONSIDERED: A report to provide a high level update to Schools Forum on the recent consultation on changes to the high needs budget and to seek Schools Forum views to inform ongoing development of recommendations on the proposals.

NOTED: The three proposals as set out in the report and the 38 day consultation feedback. A report with recommendation would be presented to Executive in January 2019.

NB stated his concerns about timescales and that it would be impossible to plan and create structures. NB felt that there had been issues around the consultation and a view was expressed that the online system for consultation responses restricted some feedback. A question was asked whether there would there be an amended proposal going to Executive. Officers indicated that this could not be divulged at the present time (as consultation feedback was still being reviewed) but comments from consultees and Schools Forum would be taken on board.

JW concurred with NB – having an effect in terms that the pathway proposed across the PRS. With the proposed cuts there would be a detriment to the PRS in Harrogate.

SC stated that the LA had been up front about the cuts and that are suggesting that place funding is of the national average. Trying to talk about how we change the system and looking at models across the County and feel the funding offered is reasonable. JP concurred with this view indicating that the current PRS/ AP model did not serve all communities equally.

NH asked if the proposed HN transfer was 1.0%. Schools Forum agreed to 0.5% but a disapplication had been made to the DfE on 30 November 2019 (as indicated in the 19 November Schools Forum meeting).

AGREED: To note the updated information about the consultation on changes to the High Needs Budget and views to inform the next steps.

820: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business raised.

821: FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 24 January 2019:

Future dates for 2019

14 March 2019

23 May 2019

26 September 2019

13 November 2019

12 December 2019

