

NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	Thursday 27 May 2021 (via Teams)
Title of report:	Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum
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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Presenting officer: If not the originator	N/A

PRESENT:

Chair:	Ian Yapp
Primary Headteachers:	Chris Parkhouse, Jillian Baker, Nick Styles, Rob Campbell
Secondary Headteachers:	Nick Hinchliffe
Nursery Headteacher:	Charlotte Hope-Harrisson, Michael Pettavel
Special Headteacher:	Jonathan Tearle
Pupil Referral Service:	
Academies:	Helen Flynn, Simon Smith (sub for Helen Channing), Andrew Krlc, Michelle Hockham, Helen Williams, Alison Kaye, Jane Turner, Emma Higgins, David Barber, Brian Crosby
Governors:	Corinne Cross

Early Years Providers:	
16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	Emma Higgins
Trade Unions:	Chris Head, Anne Swift, Daniel Maguire
Observers:	Cllr. Patrick Mulligan, Cllr. Janet Sanderson
In Attendance:	Stuart Carlton, Amanda Newbold, Howard Emmett, Sally Dunn, Jane Le Sage, Martin Surtees, Andrew Dixon, Chris Reynolds, Mandy Lambert (Clerk)
Apologies:	Karen O'Donnell, Katja Rudden, Julia Polley, Helen Channing (Simon Smith attending as sub), Francis Loftus

998: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the group of the current membership situation.

999: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Circulated: A list of the current membership:

Current vacancies were outlined, 2 x primary LA, 1 x secondary LA, 1 x PRS LA, 1 x academy.

1000: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

1001: MATTERS ARISING

NOTED: There were no matters arising.

1002: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no notification of any other urgent business.

1003: MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOL – COVID FINANCIAL REVIEW

CONSIDERED: A report outlining the responses from the review of the financial impact of the Covid pandemic on maintained nursery schools in the 2020/21 financial year.

NOTED: The recommendations on the provision of additional Covid financial support to the maintained nursery schools as follows:

- (a) To consider and endorse the provision of the suggested additional Covid financial support to the maintained nursery schools as detailed in section 3.3 of the report. The additional support will be funded from the local NYCC Covid Early Years Support Fund. Any additional Covid financial support will be a CYPS Executive Members decision with the view of the Schools Forum being provided to Executive Members.
- (b) To note the comments provided by the maintained nursery schools in respect of the non-financial impacts of the Covid pandemic that they wished to highlight through the financial review process.

CONSIDERED: MP asked to give appreciation for consideration of the proposed financial support. There is a strong argument for thinking strategically about early intervention, as these children will end up in North Yorkshire schools. Schools Forum would need to consider this in terms of school readiness.

AGREED: That the School Forum endorse the recommendations in the report and notes the comments provided by the maintained nursery schools in respect of the non-financial impacts of the Covid pandemic. This item will now go to Executive Members.

1004: SCHOOLS CONDITION CAPITAL PROGRAMME – 2021/22

CONSIDERED: The report on the Schools Condition Capital Programme for 2021 / 22.

HW asked about the academy sector and the capital fund being built up to LA maintained schools. This limits what academies can do. In future years is it possible that the fund could be targeted to academies as well. AD indicated that School Condition funding is provided to LAs in respect of LA maintained schools.

NOTED:

- (a) The proposed Schools Capital Programme for 2021/22 as summarised in Appendix A of the report included the increased allocation to the Specialist Provision Targeted Capital Programme.
- (b) The list of strategic priority / modernisation schemes for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix B.
- (c) The planned Capital Maintenance Programme for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix C.

1005: SEND PROVISION CAPACITY BUILDING – DEMAND V PROVISION

NOTED: The SEND provision strategic planning update including:

- (a) The specialist provision context;
- (b) EHC plans in North Yorkshire;
- (c) Placement of children with an EHC plan – national comparison;
- (d) Future growth in EHCPs;
- (e) Current provision – capacity and limitations;
- (f) Provision development priorities;
- (g) Further requirements;
- (h) Capital limitations and impact;
- (i) Conclusions

CONSIDERED: CH asked about the review of the restructure of SEND and whether this would be an opportunity to give a summary to Schools Forum of feedback following the review.

NOTED: JLeS explained the review and its purpose. There was a delay in the delivery of the SEND Hubs due to Covid and the actual review of the impact of the SEND Hubs and the central teams will be February / March next year. An internal post-implementation review had been undertaken. This has now been completed and feedback would be given at the next meeting once it has been interpreted. A wider post-implementation review will be undertaken next year.

NOTED: JT stated that the numbers of pupils in some special schools have increased hugely and the capacity has meant that children are being taught in other areas of the school.

NOTED: MH asked to reiterate what has been said. The cohort is shifting and finding places are required for more complex needs. Exploration of opportunities to access provision but in a mainstream setting is required.

AGREED: That the report be noted:

1006: LOCALITY BOARDS UPDATE

CONSIDERED: A presentation to Schools Forum outlining the work so far with the Locality Boards including:

- The establishment of the Locality Boards
- Progress so far
- Locality Board budget allocations for 2021-22
- Development of 2021/22 priorities

NOTED: That the proposed Learning Trust will bring together the work of the Locality Boards. The LA is happy to meet with any MATS if there is something they want to propose and put forward through the work of the Boards. Thanks were expressed to all Board members and Chairs who have achieved a great deal so far.

1007: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

NOTED: The live consultation has finished. The decision is expected by the summer and looking towards the new authority being in place by 2023.

1008: COVID

NOTED: The position is good across North Yorkshire with attendances above the national averages. Reminders have been sent about not relaxing the routines in place in schools. Selby had been asked to continue with face coverings until half term although Covid rates in Selby have reduced. Thanks were expressed to the LA for their presence at the LA / Union meetings.

NOTED: The verbal report on the Covid situation within North Yorkshire schools.

1009: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the LA, Stuart Carlton asked to thank all schools for their role in terms of ongoing work during the past academic year.

1010: FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 16 September 2021(Virtual)

Thursday 11 November 2021 (Virtual)

Thursday 16 December 2021 (Virtual) – if required