

**NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Thursday 12 November 2020 (via Teams)
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum</b>
<b>Type of report:</b>	For information only
<b>Executive summary:</b> Including reason for submission	The minutes of the previous meeting of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum are presented for approval.
<b>Budget / Risk implications:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendations:</b>	The minutes are approved as an accurate record.
<b>Voting requirements:</b>	N/A
<b>Appendices:</b> To be attached	N/A
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<b>Presenting officer:</b> If not the originator	N/A

**PRESENT:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Ian Yapp
<b>Primary Headteachers:</b>	Rob Campbell, Jillian Baker, Karen O'Donnell
<b>Secondary Headteachers:</b>	Nick Hinchliffe, Kath Jordan, Mark McCandless
<b>Nursery Headteacher:</b>	
<b>Special Headteacher:</b>	Jonathan Tearle
<b>Pupil Referral Service:</b>	Josh Greaves
<b>Academies:</b>	Helen Flynn, Helen Channing, David Read, Andrew Krlc, Michelle Hockham, Helen Williams, Alison Kaye Dominique Osbourne, David Barber, Jane Turner
<b>Governors:</b>	Corinne Cross, Katja Rudden
<b>Early Years Providers:</b>	

<b>16-19 Providers:</b>	
<b>Diocesan Representatives:</b>	
<b>Trade Unions:</b>	Chris Head, Daniel Maguire
<b>Observers:</b>	Cllr. Patrick Mulligan, Cllr. Janet Sanderson
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Stuart Carlton, Amanda Newbold, Howard Emmett, Sally Dunn, Penny Yeadon, Jane Le Sage, Mandy Lambert (Clerk), Deborah Wilbor
<b>Apologies:</b>	Andrew Smith, Nick Styles, Damien Smith, Francis Loftus, Julia Polley

**957: WELCOME**

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

**958: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Current vacancies were outlined, 1 x primary, 1 x PRS LA, 1 x early years / childcare, 1 x 16-19 provision.

**959: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

**960: MATTERS ARISING**

NOTED: CH asked to thank LA officers for all their work on COVID-19 issues and the excellent risk assessments for schools.

**961: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no notification of any other urgent business.

**962: SCHOOL FUNDING CONSULTATION UPDATE**

CONSIDERED: A report providing an overview of the results and responses received from schools and academies to the 2021/22 School Funding Consultation and the responses to the options outlined in the report.

**NOTED: At this point a vote took place to ascertain support for a MFG of +0.5% or +2.0% as follows:**

**Question 1 – MFG +0.5% : 4 votes. MFG +2.0%: 12 votes.**

**AGREED: To recommend a +2.0% MFG**

**NOTED: At this point a vote took place to ascertain an agreed rate of MFG and the preferred methodology should there be any adjustment required:**

**Question 2 - : A: AWPU values increased: 5 votes**

**B: Pupil Led Formula Factor values increased: 0 votes**

**C: Lump sum formula factor value increased: 8 votes**

**D: All Formula Factor values increased: 2 votes**

**AGREED: That option C (Lump sum formula factor value) be adopted.**

It was noted at this point that the report would be forwarded to Executive in January 2021 who would then vote on the recommendations.

**963: SCHOOL FUNDING DE-DELEGATION**

CONSIDERED: A report presenting proposals for the de-delegation of funding in relation to Schools in Financial Difficulty and Unreasonable School Expenditure for the 2021/22 financial year. The report also provides a summary of the utilisation of the de-delegated funding over recent financial years. Relevant phases of LA-maintained schools were asked to vote on recommendations for de-delegation for the 2021/22 financial year. There were three areas to consider:

- Schools in financial difficulty
- Unreasonable school expenditure
- Trade Union support for schools

The schools in financial difficulty contingency was outlined along with how the funding had been used between 2016/17 and 2019/20.

**Schools In Financial Difficulty – LA Maintained Primaries:**

- (A) £16.01 per pupil (retained at 2020/21 level): 4 votes
- (B) £16.49 per pupils (3% increase): 1 vote
- (C) £16.81 per pupil (5% increase): 0 votes
- (D) No de-delegation: 0 votes

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Primaries: £16.01 per pupil**

**Schools in Financial Difficulty – LA Maintained Secondaries:**

- (A) £16.01 per pupil (retained at 2020/21 level): 2 votes
- (B) £16.49 per pupil (3% increase): 0 votes
- (C) £16.81 per pupil (5% increase): 0 votes
- (D) No de-delegation: 0 votes  
1 abstention

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Secondaries: £16.01 per pupil**

**Decision Unreasonable School Expenditure – LA Maintained Primaries:**

- (A) £1.39 per pupil (retained at 2020/21 level): 4 votes
- (B) £1.43 per pupil (3% increase): 0 votes
- (C) £1.46 per pupil (5% increase): 0 votes
- (D) No de-delegation: 0 votes

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Primaries: £1.39 per pupil**

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- (A) £1.39 per pupil (retained at 2020/21 level): 2 votes
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- (C) £1.46 per pupil (5% increase): 0 votes
- (D) No de-delegation: 0 votes  
1 abstention

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Secondaries: £1.39 per pupil**

**964: TRADE UNION SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS (TUSIS) DE-DELEGATION**

CONSIDERED: An interim report following that presented to the May 2020 Schools Forum and as an addition to a fuller report to be presented in January 2021.

NOTED: This has been a large piece of work since March and Unions have been meeting every Tuesday afternoon with LA officers. There have been a large number of risk assessments from schools. The PAs have spoken to some of the MATs who have been using the template. A risk assessment was for a particular building so there had been a significant amount of work undertaken. The increase being asked was for £2.94 per pupil with effect from April 2021 to take into consideration the teachers' pay award. PAs were trying to provide a full traded service but need to get to a level with no deficit to be able to ultimately recompense the schools for teachers undertaking this work. The following agreement was being sought:

RECOMMENDED: In order to maintain the progress Schools Forum is asked that the new charge per pupil for the financial year 2021/22 be agreed at £2.94 and that Schools Forum agree to de-delegate the facilities fund for a further year.

***TUSfS – LA Maintained Primaries were asked to state at which level funds should be de-delegated in 2021/22:***

***(A) £2.94 per pupil: 5 votes***

***(B) No de-delegation: 0 votes***

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Primaries at £2.94 per pupil**

***TUSfS – LA Maintained Secondaries were asked to state at which level funds should be de-delegated in 2021/22:***

***(A) £2.94 per pupil: 2 votes***

***(B) No de-delegation: 0 votes***

***1 abstention***

**AGREED: De-delegation for LA Maintained Secondaries at £2.94 per pupil**

**965: DSG DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

CONSIDERED: DSG Management Plan 2020-21 – Version 2, which uses published data from the High Needs Benchmarking Tool. The plan replaces previous scheme of monitoring High Needs deficits. This would help LAs comply with conditions of grant. The plan must be updated and shared in Schools Forum meetings and High Needs sub groups at least once per term with a first iteration to Schools Forum in January 2021. DfE expect the plan to be signed off by the Director of CYPS and s151 officer.

AGREED: That the plan be noted.

**966: EARLY YEARS UPDATE**

CONSIDERED:

(a) DfE guidance received in relation to Early Years funding for the Autumn Term 2020.

(b) NYCC Early Years Covid-19 Funding Consultation – Autumn 2020.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

**967: LGR**

NOTED: Last week a special meeting of the County Council had taken an item on LGR and voted to put forward the bid as outlined previously from a LA for a single

unitary authority on a single footprint of North Yorkshire. This would then go forward to Government. A counter-proposal has been sent with an east / west split with York included in the east.

AGREED: That the verbal update be noted.

**968: COVID**

NOTED: The Director expressed his thanks to all in the education sector for all the hard work undertaken through the ongoing pandemic. He gave an overview of attendance figures, which before the second lock-down had stood at 92% but was declining slowly but still around 88%. There was currently only one school fully closed with a number of partial closures. The LA was working through the advice and guidance received from the DfE along with public health and schools. Concern was expressed about the capacity for getting back to people in a timely way and working towards ensuring more capacity in the system. Colleagues were asked to get in touch if there was any problem. SC was interested in the general sense of what was happening in the school community and anything the LA could do to smooth things along.

It was noted that the public health advice had been fantastic and that it would be helpful to have county level data shared periodically. The significant rise in EHE numbers were noted with lobbying to the DfE to reform EHE.

**969: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business to note.

**970: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 10 December 2020 – confirmation to be received.

*Provisional dates:*

Thursday 21 January 2021

Thursday 18 March 2021

Thursday 27 May 2021

Thursday 16 September 2021

Thursday 11 November 2021

Thursday 16 December 2021