



## NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Thursday 15 May 2025 (via Teams)
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum</b>
<b>Type of report:</b> Delete as required	For information only
<b>Executive summary:</b> Including reason for submission	The minutes of the previous meeting of the North Yorkshire Education Partnership 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

**Minutes of the NYSF meeting held on 15 May 2025**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Ian Yapp
<b>Primary Headteachers:</b>	Karen O'Donnell, Helen Thomson, Claire Barber
<b>Secondary Headteachers:</b>	Nick Hinchliffe, Julia Polley
<b>Nursery headteacher:</b>	
<b>Special Headteacher:</b>	Ann-Marie Ellis
<b>Pupil Referral Service:</b>	Gareth Morton
<b>Academies:</b>	Alison Kaye, Helen Williams, David Barber, Claire Hurworth, Louise Sagar, Samantha Williams, Jon Watson, Rebecca Broadbent
<b>Governors:</b>	Anna Kirkham, Becki Bulmer, Liam Platt Sub for R Wells
<b>Early Years Providers PVI:</b>	
<b>16-19 Providers:</b>	Simon Gummerson
<b>Diocesan Representatives:</b>	Mari Palmer
<b>Trade Unions:</b>	Anne Swift
<b>Observers:</b>	Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, Cllr Janet Sanderson
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Howard Emmett, Amanda Fielding, Louise Wilson, Sally Dunn, Jon Holden, Andrea Mansfield (LSO Minute Taker)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Simon Gummerson, Ian Mottram, Ray Wells, Clare Dowson, Michelle Jones, Mel Hutchinson, Charlotte Hope-Harrison, Kerry Young, Clare Dowson

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1261: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

***Circulated: A list of the current membership:***

The current vacancies were outlined:

Primary GOV LA (1), PRS Academy (1), Academy (3).

Quorum is 40% of members.

**1262: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**AGREED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2025 be agreed as an accurate record

**1263: MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**1264: NOTIFICATION OF OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no notifications of other urgent business for consideration.

**1265: NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing an update on the DfE recent changes to their statutory guidance on Schemes for Financing local authority-maintained schools and to seek approval from the Schools Forum on an amendment to the North Yorkshire Council Scheme for Financing Schools.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The Schools Forum is asked to note the changes in DfE guidance and to approve the amendment to the North Yorkshire Council Scheme for Financing Schools relating to The Charging of School Budget Shares, as per the DfE update in March 2025 to reflect current policy positions and changes in legislation.

**AGREED:**

- To note and approve the content of this report.

**1266: PUPIL GROWTH FALLING ROLLS**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing an update on the DfE recent changes to the funding regulations for Pupil Growth and Falling Rolls Funds for the 2025-26 financial year. The proposed changes to the North Yorkshire Pupil Growth and Falling Rolls Funds in response to the regulation changes are detailed in the report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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- The Schools Forum is asked to note the DfE changes to the statutory guidance on Falling Rolls Funds for the 2025-26 financial year and to provide approval for the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for the Falling Rolls Fund from 1 April 2025 in order to comply with the DfE requirements for 2025-26.
- The Schools Forum is also asked to note the DfE update to the funding rate for Pupil Growth Fund.

**NOTED:**

**(Q) The rule change affects all the schools within the Selby area**

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**(A) Need to understand the purpose of the Fund that it is to support a short-term change to pupil numbers rather than a long-term decline in numbers.**

**AGREED:**

- To note and approve the content of this report.

**1267: SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing background to the Schools Capital Programme for 2025-26 including details of priorities for investment and the Schools Condition Capital Programme.

**NOTED:**

**(C) The Schools Forum have identified 3 keys levels of inadequate funding and school estates is clearly 1 of the three.**

**(Q) Why is there such a significant carry forward given the state of the school's premises?**

**(A) This is due to a scheduling issues to implement works within the summer holidays after funding is allocated in March. We want to reassure colleagues that we work closely with property colleagues and high priority elements will be identified and where possible delivered within 25/26, if possible, or planned for 26/27. The contingency amount is for emergency unplanned items e.g. boiler breakdowns**

**(A) Agreed that it should be spent and more challenge to take place to ensure that this happens, need to identify delays and what can be improved.**

**(Q) Climate Action planning- this is not a separate thread?**

**(A) There is work that goes on within the council and schools to look at climate action although it is challenging, within the allocation, to undertake specific climate action projects. This is due to the overall cost and associated implications - example: installation of air source heat pumps vs new boilers. Note that items that are replaced have better efficiency ratings.**

**AGREED:**

- To note and approve the content of this report.

**1268: AOB**

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Thursday 18 September 2025  
Thursday 20 November 2025  
Thursday 11 December 2025 (provisional)  
Thursday 22 January 2026  
Thursday 19 March 2026  
Thursday 21 May 2026  
Thursday 24 September 2026  
Thursday 19 November 2026  
Thursday 10 December 2026 (provisional)