

NORTH YORKSHIRE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Date of meeting:	
Title of report:	Minutes of the Education Partnership – 13 December 2017
Type of report:	For information only
Executive summary: Including reason for submission	The minutes of the previous meeting of the North Yorkshire Education Partnership 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
Secondary Headteachers:	Mark McCandless
Nursery Headteacher:	Jane Pepper
Special Headteacher:	
Pupil Referral Service:	Nick Bell
Academies:	Helen Flynn, Catherine Brooker, Catherine Farrell
Governors:	Damien Smith
Early Years Providers:	
16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	Andrew Smith
Trade Unions:	Chris Head
Observers:	County Councillor Patrick Mulligan
In Attendance:	Stuart Carlton, Anton Hodge, Howard Emmett, Paul Brennan, Marion Sadler (Clerk)
Apologies:	Tammy Cooper, Jillian Baker, Rob Pritchard, Nick Hinchliffe, Gerry Price, Stella Smethurst, Julie Stephenson, Cllr Janet Sanderson, Stephen Payne, Rick Weights, Wendy Jemison, Jo Robinson, John Barker , Jonathan Tearle

748: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed colleagues to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

749: MEMBERSHIP OF THE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

It was noted that Ian Clennan had submitted his resignation as a LA Primary School representative as his school had now become an academy. The Membership of the Partnership had been updated to reflect proportionate representation based on October 2017 census figures as follows:

Primary LA – 10
Primary Academy – 2
Secondary LA – 6
Secondary Academy – 4

Nursery, Special, PRS – 1 LA Nursery, 1 LA Special, 1 Special Academy, PRS LA, PRS Academy
Non School Members – 6 (Early Years, RC Diocese, CE Diocese, Unison, 16-19 providers)

Anton Hodge reported that in terms of LA school and Academy representation the differentiation between Headteacher and Governor representation had been removed. Academy representatives were asked to consider whether the split into Primary/Secondary representation should remain or whether these should simply become an Academy block. Catherine Brooker confirmed that she was retiring as Headteacher in Easter 2018 but was remaining as CEO of the Trust and would be happy to remain on the Partnership as required. Anton Hodge proposed that in terms of Academy representation the different types of role which would be acceptable should be publicised. Catherine Brooker asked that the LA ensure that both Primary and Secondary Academies be represented and it was stressed that proportional representation would always be ensured through the annual refresh exercise.

Helen Flynn enquired as to why the differentiation between Headteacher/Governors had been removed. Anton Hodge confirmed that the change in regulations since the Forum's inception now meant that the role of the representative was not specified. Helen felt there was benefit in having representation from both groups given their potentially different interests. The Chair reflected that it may be possible to add a commitment to ensure that there was governor voice, both LA maintained and academy trust, on the Partnership.

ACTION: Anton Hodge to bring a further update to the next meeting.

750: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as accurate record with one amendment in minute 742 which should read "There was recognition that no decision had been agreed but consensus that this should be the subject of further debate" removing the double negative.

751: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 745-1 Special Needs Funding Group

Helen Flynn enquired whether the group had been established as yet. Howard Emmett confirmed that he would be writing out to those who had expressed an interest in assisting with this work shortly to set up the first meeting of the group.

752: OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed there was no additional urgent business to consider.

753: SCHOOL FUNDING 2018-19

CONSIDERED: report, presented by Howard Emmett, setting out the results of the recent local consultation on school funding for 2018-19 within which schools were asked

- if they supported the Partnership's views on using the National Funding Formula (NFF) as a basis for school budgets in 2018-19 and
- whether some of the additional funding allocated to North Yorkshire be used to support pressures in the High Needs budget on a temporary basis

Anton Hodge reported on the outcome of the consultation, as set out in section 3 of the report. In addition an exception was requested for Norton Primary School in relation to additional classrooms located away from the main school. Should the Partnership agree the proposals, these would then be taken to the Council's Executive for formal approval in January 2018 following which there would be communication to all schools.

The Chair invited colleagues' views on the report and there was no feedback from Partnership Members. Members were mindful of the feedback regarding the High Needs Block and that this was a transitional arrangement

RESOLVED: That the Partnership recommend to the Council's Executive that:

- i) North Yorkshire uses the values set out in the DfE's National Funding Formula, including the various transitional arrangements, and a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0%, as a basis for funding schools in 2018-19
- ii) up to 0.5% of the Schools Block can be used to support High Needs and that a further report is brought back to the Partnership/Forum in due course reporting on how we will use this funding and also any support from other sources, such as reserves
- iii) the technical exceptions outlined in section 4 of the report be supported.

754: PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE VALUE OF THE DE MINIMUS VALUE FOR SCHOOLS CAPITAL

CONSIDERED: report, presented by Anton Hodge, seeking Partnership views on a proposed reduction in the de minimus level for schools' capital expenditure from £5K to £2K given constraints faced by schools in relation to revenue funding. It was confirmed that this applied only to maintained schools.

RESOLVED: that the level be reduced to £2k for all schools which will bring it in line with the ESFA's guidance on VA capital expenditure.

755: DEVELOPMENT OF A NORTH YORKSHIRE EDUCATION TRUST

TABLED: report, presented by Paul Brennan, providing an update on work to develop a proposed partnership/trust and proposing the engagement of nationally recognised experts to take forward proposals further building on the workshops undertaken in spring 2017 in collaboration with schools and dioceses and summarising opportunities which may be gained through refreshing and establishing partnership arrangements fit for the future.

The Chair indicated that issues raised had been around positioning of any new partnership/trust within the existing frameworks and inter-relationships with other bodies as opposed to the benefit of such a collaborative body.

Helen Flynn asked whether there was a requirement to go out to tender for this work and Paul Brennan confirmed usual procurement processes would be adhered to relevant to the small value of this piece of work. Helen Flynn stressed that it was necessary to be clear about the intended outcomes to be achieved through the establishment of a partnership. Paul Brennan reflected that it would need to be outcomes focussed both in terms of achievement and inclusion enabling a

collaborative “independent” space within which to talk to all stakeholders in a mixed landscape. It was confirmed that the work would be funded by the LA. As part of this work it would be necessary to consider whether there would be funding post September 2018 for the existing Partnership arrangements together with appropriate accountability frameworks.

The Chair confirmed that he had been party to discussions around the proposal and that the proposal to commission a nationally recognised provider to develop and engage on proposals further was to be welcomed.

ACTION: further update be brought to the next Partnership meeting in January.

756: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business discussed.

757: FUTURE MEETINGS

25 January 2018
15 March 2018
17 May 2018
13 September 2018