

NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	
Title of report:	Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum – 24 January 2019
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, Andrew Buttery, Jillian Barker
Secondary Headteachers:	Nick Hinchliffe, Julia Polley, Sue Galloway (deputising for Mark McCandless), David Read
Nursery Headteacher:	Michael Pettaval
Special Headteacher:	Jonathan Tearle
Pupil Referral Service:	Nick Bell
Academies:	Helen Flynn, John Warren, Jon Watson
Governors:	Damien Smith
Early Years Providers:	
16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	Kevin Duffy
Trade Unions:	Stephen Payne (deputising for Chris Head)
Observers:	
In Attendance:	County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Stuart Carlton, Howard Emmett, Penny Yeadon, Jane-le-Sage, Sally Dunn, Mandy Lambert (Clerk)
Apologies:	Amanda Caton, Mark McCandless, Karen O'Donnell, Andrew Smith, Chris Head, Helen Channing, Judith Kirk, County Councillor Patrick Mulligan

822: WELCOME

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

823: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

Current vacancies were outlined, 3 x primary, 2 x secondary, 1 x secondary academy

824: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed. Jon Watson should be under maintained.

825: MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

Healthy Pupils Strategy – launch. Email to be sent to the schools forum once

clarification is sought.

826: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Circulated: None

827: CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

CONSIDERED: Substitute arrangements for the effective working arrangement of the Schools Forum and the arrangements for the cessation of terms of office and proposals for the incorporation of the role of Deputy Chair of the Schools Forum.

NOTED: To try to fill some of the vacancies being carried and to encourage substitutes. Nominated substitute should attend if the member cannot. Schools Forum members to be contacted to ask for a substitute. If a member does not attend 50% of meetings in a rolling period then that person will automatically have taken themselves out of the Forum. It was suggested introducing the role of Deputy Chair to fill the Chair's role should they be absent. Substitute members would have voting rights.

Concern was expressed about the location for Schools Forum as the travelling time was prohibitive and whether alternative venues around the County could be used or even the offer of Skype.

AGREED:

- (a) To ask for recognised substitutes
- (b) To approve the amendment about cessation of office through non-attendance – absence to be counted from the next meeting.
- (c) To incorporate the role of deputy Chair and to write out for nominations for that role.
- (d) To look at options for venues for Schools Forum meetings and to consider Skype.

828 OVERALL DSG AND THE SCHOOLS BLOCK 2018-19

CONSIDERED: The planned expenditure on the Schools Block Budget in 2019-20, following the endorsement of proposals regarding its distribution at the North Yorkshire Schools Forum meeting in November 2018 and formal approval by the County Council's Executive in January 2019.

NOTED: The amount received is increasing and there will be additional funding for the National Funding formula transition. There will be additional temporary funding for high needs for 2019/20, an analysis was provided. It is worth noting that the final allocation is dependent on early years' numbers.

The decisions that the Forum made around de-delegation also includes the amount for the 50% contribution towards school redundancies and the amount for unreasonable school expenditure and the redundancy costs. In terms of high need in 2018/19 we transfer an amount into the schools block. It was agreed that the Forum would approve a half per cent transfer and would seek approval for a 1% transfer. The view of the LA is that High Needs funding is insufficient. There is nothing set beyond 2019/20. The LA is expecting information later in the year and is hopeful that the £1.2m will continue beyond 2019/20 but this is still insufficient. In relation to the disapplication of the transfer there is no more clarify around this. The information is not clear and hope to get an answer by the end of January. School budgets had to

be submitted by the 21 January 2019 but the DfE system is down. Schools Forum would be notified of further information.

Central School Services Block – information circulated as to how funding is allocated. The overall amount of grant has decreased. Some additional costs are being picked up by the Local Authority.

HF asked if there was any idea about the further evolution of the National Funding Formula. HE stated that the LA is happy with the way the transition has been going but there are still concerns about sparsity but not high on the agenda.

IY asked about the special school in Selby. JleS stated they were going to leave the cap for the new provision so any application that met the required criteria would be successful. The LA is still awaiting Minister approval.

NS asked that if successful with the 1% plus the £1.2m over the next two financial years would this address the overspend? HE stated that this year's overspend is £5.7m. The shortfall next year and an accumulated deficit would be brought forward.

SC stated there was a strong possibility to ask for a further 0.5%. The LA was continuing to lobby government but not sure it will be enough. NS asked about the number of other local authorities who were persisting at lobbying government to ask for further funding.

NMc asked how much time had been spent considering it and how widely it was discussed before that decision was taken. How many schools are likely to go into deficit as a result of this spend. SC stated that in terms of the overall deficit in schools it was too early in the planning cycle but will know when the new data comes through. The impact of the percentage was known at the time of modelling.

AGREED: To note the contents of the report.

829: EARLY YEARS FUNDING AND EY CONSULTATION OUTCOME

CONSIDERED: The outcome of the recent consultation held with early years providers on options to change the methodology used to calculate the deprivation funding supplement paid to early years providers for the funded entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds. The report also presents the 2019/20 Early Years DSG allocation and requests approval for the associated planned expenditure.

NOTED: 62 responses had been received from early years providers to the consultation. The proposal to move forward is Option 1. There is no financial impact and a higher base rate funding and gives stability of funding.

Section 4 of the report looks at the early years dedicated schools grant allocation and how it would be utilised for 2019/20 and the breakdown of the allocation received for increases and decreasing throughout the year. We are providing some County Council budget to support central early years' services. A two phase approach would be undertaken. Phase 1 of the review has been undertaken and still progressing through Phase 2.

Section 6 gives an overview of the maintained nursery schools. Supplementary funding is received for them and tops up funding compared to what they would receive from the EY national funding formula. No information at this stage as to what is happening beyond 2019 / 20.

MP stated that there was a slight inaccuracy as maintained nursery schools may be hit by the funding. It was noted that the LA would ensure there was no detriment.

IY asked about the breakdown table and whether this is based on pupil number estimate or historic cases. HE stated it was based on the amount each service needs to operate.

AGREED:

- To note the 2019/20 Early Years DSG allocation and to approval the associated planned expenditure.
- To support the implementation of Option 1 in respect of the consultation on the methodology used to calculate the deprivation funding supplement and the associated base funding rate.

830: HIGH NEEDS CONSULTATION OUTCOME

CONSIDERED: An update to Schools Forum on the consultation feedback and executive decision on three proposals to change the funding allocations related to specific areas within the High Needs Block.

NOTED: Cover report summarising the outcomes from the consultation and the three Executive Reports which are available on the NYCC website showing all the detailed documentation.

Consultation was lively around the three proposals with 382 responses from the online consultation and public events – 218 attendees at these events. A number of other methods of giving feedback.

Proposal 1 – looking at the change from the current CAN-DO system – over the last 18 months there were questions being asked in terms of resource allocation system. Remove this from April 2019 and replacing it with a banded system. Mixed amount of feedback. Recommendation we do need a framework for allocation of element 3 money with some flexibility to provide a framework for allocation funding for children with EHCP. Go ahead with implementation of the banded system. Plans are now drawn up and have been spending a lot of time with young people in special schools to transfer the appropriate banding level and make sure it informs the banding pressures. Implementation from April 2019.

Proposal 2 – Changing the way funding is allocated to PRS and alternative provision models into the future. Tremendous amount of interest and initial proposal was that we would with effect from September 2019 commission a number of planned places and fund them at the rate of £17k to bring in line of the national average. Remove the discretionary funding in PRS services and took a proportion to the high needs block. We would provide £771k delegated into the new local education partnerships so school leaders in a locality can work with priorities in their areas. Talked around removing the home tuition model to take out of the PRS from September 2019. When we considered all of the consultations some of the areas were around the timescales of implementation. The timescale was too tight and if we were going to develop a local model of AP more time was required. There was no criticism for the drive to reduce permanent exclusions. The impact will be to reduce the needs for permanent exclusion. Changes to the recommendation put forward to the Executive outlined and are agreed.

HF was slightly concerned about the reduction in funding when trying to stop the amount of permanent exclusions.

NH asked if the LA looked at the academy model and how radical have we been for this county.

DR endorsed this model. No objections to the long term strategy but reassurance that if there is a spike that the LA are pro active.

Proposal 3 – Around aligning funding and relates to young people with EHCP in Post-16 and Post-19 education. If we have a young person with an EHCP who attends college we would fund at 600 hours of guided learning if that person attends a mainstream sixth form they would be funded at 25 hours. Neaten up funding arrangements and bring in line with ESFA guidance and for the majority of Post-16 pupils if they attend mainstream sixth form hours would change this to 600 hours and introduce from April 2019. Caveat that some young people with plans need a more flexible arrangement.

EHCP Post-19 who are in five day packages of provision so their assessed need has stated they need a five day package to support their needs. The High needs Block pay for that package and receive contributions from health and adult services. HNB will pay for 600 hours and that Health and Adult Services would pay for the other two days. The main concern would be where this had not been explained clearly and that we are not taking five day provision away. Change this in April 2019 and introduce the split between H&A Services and Education for new young people in September 2019.

831: TRANSITIONAL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

CONSIDERED: Options for the provision of transitional funding arrangements in the 2019/20 financial year to support Special Schools in moving from the CAN-DO Resource Allocation System (RAS) to a new NYCC Banding system.

Identified that in the transition that there would be some turbulence in the funding received and particularly in relation to special schools. Some of the schools would gain and some lose and the way the minimum funding guarantee acts with that change. Set aside the MFG for one year only for 2019/20 to enable each special school to receive the banded amount generated. We were proposing to provide some transitional funding to provide a cushion to adult to that. The options were outlined in the report and these may be refined before consultation. Need to give special schools an indication of their budget before schools forum in March. The final decision if DfE approval is given is with the Corporate Direction in conjunction with Members but would be back to the March Schools Forum for information. Timeline is probably end of January to hear back from DfE.

AGREED: To note the proposed options for transitional funding arrangements for the 2019/20 financial year to support Special Schools in managing the change from the CAN-DO RAS to a banding allocation system.

To note the intention to ask each special school for their preferred option of transitional protection should the disapplication request be approved.

832 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business raised.

833: FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 14 March 2019

Thursday 23 May 2019

Thursday 26 September 2019

Wednesday, 13 November 2019

Thursday 12 December 2019