

## NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Thursday 17 November 2022 (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>	Helen Flynn
<b>Primary Headteachers:</b>	Karen O'Donnell, Rob Campbell, Jillian Baker
<b>Secondary Headteachers:</b>	Nick Hinchliffe, Kath Jordan
<b>Nursery Headteacher:</b>	Alison Stewart (sub)
<b>Special Headteacher:</b>	Sarah Edwards
<b>Pupil Referral Service:</b>	
<b>Academies:</b>	Helen Williams, Josh Greaves, Helen Channing, Jane Turner, Jo Hampshire (sub)
<b>Governors:</b>	Corinne Cross, Ray Wells, Paul Gibbons
<b>Early Years Providers:</b>	Charlotte Hope-Harrison
<b>16-19 Providers:</b>	

<b>Diocesan Representatives:</b>	
<b>Trade Unions:</b>	Anne Swift
<b>Observers:</b>	Councillor Annabel Wilkinson, Cllr Janet Sanderson, Alison Kaye, Sam Williams (Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust) (sub)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Howard Emmett, Sally Dunn, Martin Surtees, Jane le Sage, Amanda Newbold, Marie Reed, Mandy Lambert (LSO Minute Taker), Deborah Wilbor (LSO)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ian Yapp, Brian Crosby, David Barber, Helen Dalby (Miss Sam Williams attending as sub), Michelle Hockham (Jo Hampshire attending as sub), Andrew Smith, Michael Pettaval

#### **1096: WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **1097: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

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

The current vacancies were outlined, Primary (1), Secondary (1), LA PRS (1), Academy (5), 16-19 Education Provider (1) – Quorum is 40% of members.

**NOTED:** That communication would be sent out following Schools Forum asking for nominations by a given date.

#### **1098: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2022 be agreed as an accurate record.

#### **1099: MATTERS ARISING**

**NOTED:** There were no matters arising.

#### **1100: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

A verbal update on the very recent Government Autumn Budget Statement was outlined to Schools Forum.

#### **1101: SCHOOL FUNDING CONSULTATION**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing the results of the 2023 to 2024 School Funding consultation which had run from September to 9 November 2022. Schools Forum was asked to consider the following:

- Which of the options consulted on should be endorsed in relation to the level of the Minimum Funding guarantee;
- The methodology to be used for the allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available within the Schools Block DSG after the calculation of the school funding formula using NFF values.

**NOTED:** 52 responses had been received with 68 schools and academies represented.

**AGREED:**

(a) A Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.5%.

- (b) For the agreed rate of MFG preferred methodology to be used for allocation to school budgets should there be any surplus funding available within the Schools Block DSG after the calculation of the school funding formula using NFF values (as detailed in Section 4 of the report) to be Option 1 – AWPV values increased.
- (c) To reflect on the number of responses to the consultation and that consideration be given to the heading of the communication going forward.

#### **1102: 2023-24 SCHOOL FUNDING DE-DELEGATION – CONTINGENCY BUDGETS**

**CONSIDERED:** A report detailing the LA proposals for the de-delegation of budgets in 2023-24. This report provides an overview of the use of de-delegated funding in relation to Schools in Financial Difficulty and Unreasonable School Expenditure Contingencies.

**AGREED:** To make a decision on the School Funding De-delegation at the December meeting.

#### **1103: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DE-DELEGATION**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing background to the DfE removal of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant. The report provides LA proposals requesting de-delegation of funding (buy back for maintained nursery schools, special schools and PRU) from school budgets in the 2023/24 financial year to fund statutory services for the provision of school improvement, core activities to maintained schools.

**NOTED:**

- (a) The 2022/23 Grant and de-delegation combined funding of £746.6k.
- (b) The structure of the School Improvement Service.
- (c) The proportion of schools and settings by type that have been judged, good or outstanding.
- (d) School Improvement de-delegation considerations and modelling undertaken on a de-delegation option that delivers broadly a standard percentage of budget based on the funding requirement for each sector.
- (e) School Improvement de-delegation options.

**AGREED:**

- (a) That a paper be drawn up for the Spring Term setting out options for 2024/25.
- (b) That Option 1 be approved (£3,200 lump sum per school + £2.35 per pupil) (Primary).
- (c) That Option 1 be approved (£3,200 lump sum per school + £2.86 per pupil) (Secondary).
- (d) To approve the buy-back charge for maintained nurseries equivalent to the primary de-delegation level. (LA maintained schools).
- (e) To support the buy-back charge for maintained special schools and PRS equivalent to the secondary de-delegation level (LA maintained schools).

#### **1104: PUPIL GROWTH FUNDING – NEW SCHOOLS**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing details of the review that has been undertaken, of the funding levels and methodology used for the provision of additional financial support for the opening of new schools within North Yorkshire under the LA presumption process. The report provides a number of proposals for increases to the funding in order to reflect increases in school funding, pay awards and inflation since the last review of the funding in 2015/16. The proposals also have regard to the financial risks associated with the opening of a new school.

**NOTED:** Review of Pupil Growth Funding Methodology for new schools including pupil number funding protection and current funding values.

**AGREED:**

- (a) To note the review undertaken of the funding levels and methodology provided through the Pupil Growth Funding for new schools within North Yorkshire.
- (b) To approve the proposed revised funding levels in relation to pre-opening costs and diseconomies of scale for new schools.
- (c) To approve the introduction of a pupil number threshold below which funding protection will be provided for the initial three years of operation of the new school, subject to a cap on the maximum level of funding protection provided and a minimum pupil on number on roll.

**1105: TRADE UNION DE-DELEGATION**

**CONSIDERED:** A verbal report on the de-delegation of Trade Union duties setting out the principles and the proposal based on the de-delegation principles, it is proposed to increase the de-delegation funding rate by £0.32p per pupil, from £3.12 to £3.44 per pupil. The change to a model based on a formula protects against uncertainty as the amount of facility time for LMS will decrease commensurate with the number of union members in the schools leaving the LA to become academies.

**AGREED:**

- (a) To continue to support the principle of de-delegation of funds for LA maintained primary schools.
- (b) To approve Option 1, the increase from £3.12 to £3.44 per pupil for LA maintained primary schools.
- (c) To continue to support the principle of de-delegation of funds for LA maintained secondary schools.
- (d) To approve Option 1, the increase from £3.12 to £3.44 per pupil for LA maintained secondary schools.

**1106: HIGH NEEDS REPORT**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing an update on issues pertinent to the development of the High Needs budget for the local authority 2023-24, including the determination of special school budgets.

**NOTED:**

- (a) EHCP Numbers January 2015 to January 2022.
- (b) 2022/23 High Needs Budget.
- (c) 2022/23 High Needs commissioning budget.
- (d) Strategic Plan for SEND.
- (e) Special Schools and PRS.
- (f) Targeted Mainstream Provision update.
- (g) SEND Capital update.
- (h) The Selby Free School looks to be opening at the earliest in September 2024.

**AGREED:** To note the information and the financial implications contained within the report.

**1107: LOCALITY BOARDS**

**CONSIDERED:** A verbal update about the rigour of spending plans for 2022/23.

**NOTED:**

- (a) Strengthening of arrangements for the carry forward of funding for the Locality Boards will return to 10% at the end of this particular financial year.
- (b) In terms of spending and resources allocated it is at 100% of the spending with the exceptions of Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale School Improvement and Selby School Improvement and Inclusion.

- (c) In general, the challenges are around optimistic timelines when recruiting staff which has led to slippage in some schemes.
- (d) Other challenges around the take-up of training or schools having to volunteer and participate in projects.
- (e) An approved provider list has been approved which simplifies procurement.
- (f) A report on the spending across the Locality Boards would be discussed initially at officer level.
- (g) (NH) Concern was expressed about measuring impact of the Locality Board funding.
- (h) (HW) Assurance that the Locality Boards have LA officers and local Headteacher on the Boards. There is support and challenge.
- (i) (RC) Working hard to gather impact data and conversations are under way around projects for next year.

**1108: SCHOOLS WHITE PAPER / TEST AND LEARN**

**CONSIDERED:** A verbal update about the Schools White Paper / Test and Learn.

**NOTED:**

- (a) It is not clear that the Schools White Paper will continue passage through Parliament.
- (b) The LA had submitted an expression of interest around the establishment of an LA established MAT and a co-ordinated response towards full academisation. The DfE is unable to inform the LA of the outcome, but this should be known before the end-December.

**1109: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business had been raised.

**1110: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 15 December 2022

Thursday 19 January 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

Thursday 18 May 2023

Thursday 21 September 2023

Thursday 23 November 2023

Thursday 14 December 2023 – if required