

NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	Thursday 11 November 2021 (via Teams)
Title of report:	Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum
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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Presenting officer: If not the originator	N/A

PRESENT:

Chair:	Ian Yapp
Primary Headteachers:	Chris Parkhouse, Jillian Baker, Rob Campbell, Fiona Beetles, Karen O'Donnell, Nick Styles
Secondary Headteachers:	Nick Hinchliffe, Julia Polley, Kath Jordan
Nursery Headteacher:	Michael Pettavel
Special Headteacher:	
Pupil Referral Service:	Josh Greaves
Academies:	Helen Flynn, Helen Channing, Michelle Hockham, Jane Turner, Brian Crosby, Josh Greaves
Governors:	Corinne Cross
Early Years Providers:	Charlotte Hope-Harrison

16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	Andrew Smith
Trade Unions:	Chris Head
Observers:	Cllr. Janet Sanderson, Anne Swift
In Attendance:	Stuart Carlton, Penny Yeadon, Howard Emmett, Sally Dunn, Martin Surtees, Mandy Lambert (LSO Minute Taker), Deborah Wilbor (LSO)
Apologies:	Emma Higgins, Daniel Maguire, Dominique Osbourne, Cllr Patrick Mulligan, Katja Rudden, Helen Williams

1027: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1028: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Circulated: A list of the current membership:

Current vacancies were outlined, 2 x primary LA, 1 x secondary LA, 1 x PRS LA, 1 x academy, 1 x Special School LA. Total membership 36 (reviewed 2019) – Quorum is 12.

1029: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 May 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

1030: MATTERS ARISING

NOTED: There were no matters arising although Schools Forum was informed that the next meeting due to be held on Thursday 16 December 2021 would be utilised.

1031: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no notification of any other urgent business.

1032: SCHOOL FUNDING CONSULTATION 2022-23

CONSIDERED: A report containing the results of the 2022/23 School Funding Consultation which had run from 22 September to 22 October 2021. Schools Forum were asked to consider the following:

- (a) Which of the options consulted on should be endorsed in relation to the level of the Minimum Funding Guarantee – +0.5% or +2.0%;
- (b) 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;
- (c) Support the submission of an application to the ESFA to include an exceptional circumstance of up to £50,000 for very small sparse secondary schools, which would otherwise be unable to attract sufficient funding to remain viable, in the 2022/23 North Yorkshire school funding formula.

CONSIDERED:

- HF asked for further clarity from officers as to the LA preferred option.
- JG expressed the view that this should mirror the special school funding.
- HF asked for clarification on the previous year's allocation of funding.

- NH asked for a summary of how schools would be affected. The larger schools would benefit from AWPU and small schools would benefit from the lump funding.
- JG asked which type of school would be impoverished with funding levels. It was noted that the majority of schools are protected with the minimum funding guarantee.
- AS asked how the funding had been distributed for the current year. This had been via a lump sum.

AGREED:

- (a) To support a Minimum Funding Guarantee of +2%. (A vote on +2.0% received the following results: For - 15 members; Against - 2 members; Abstention - 2 members.) (A vote for +0.5% received the following results: For – 2 members; Against 13 members; Abstention – 1 member)
- (b) To support the methodology of Age Weighted Pupil Unit should there any adjustment need to be made. The outcome would be presented to Executive Members.

	For	Against	Abstention
Lump Sum	7	6	6
AWPU	8	5	6

- (c) To support the submission of an application to the ESFA to include an exceptional circumstance of up to £50,000 for very small sparse secondary schools, which would otherwise be unable to attract sufficient funding to remain viable, in the 2022/23 North Yorkshire school funding formula. (16 members voted “For”, none “Against” and no “abstentions”).

1033: SPECIAL SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES CONSULTATION 2022-23

CONSIDERED: A report providing the results of the 2022/23 Special Schools and Academies Funding Consultation that ran from 22 September to 22 October 2021. The report requests the Schools Forum to comment on the consultation response received in relation to the level of the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee.

NOTED: The LA recognises that the special schools are under financial pressure in the maintained sector and the need to balance financial pressures/challenges in the sector with the significant accumulated High Needs Block deficit.

AGREED: That Schools Forum supports the outcome of the 2022/23 Special Schools & Academies Funding consultation and that this be forwarded to Executive Members with the following comments:

- (a) JG asked to commend the LA for its approach to special school funding.

1034: FACILITIES – LA AND UNIONS JOINT REPORT

CONSIDERED:

- (a) A report and a request for support from Schools Forum to continue to support the principle of de-delegation in order to reduce the burden on individual schools of either needing to actively ‘buy in’ to arrangements or secure their own local arrangements.
- (b) To update Schools Forum on the current North Yorkshire Facilities Agreement and work underway to model an incremental increase over time as the current arrangements do not provide sufficient ‘release’ time.

NOTED:

- That the facilities arrangements were being reviewed but due to the increase in supply costs and secondment, this had not worked out so this would be reworked.
- CH asked to offer thanks for the significant support that the LA and Schools Forum have given over several years.

AGREED:

- (a) A Year 1 increase of 0.18p equating to £3.12 per pupil and a continuation of de-delegation. (**Primary** – For – 4: Against – 0: Abstentions – 2. **Secondary** – For – 2: Against – 0: Abstentions – 0)
- (b) To note the plan to model an incremental increase for teaching unions which will affect future years' costs in order to increase facility release time and address the current challenges outlined within the report.

1035: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE

CONSIDERED: An update by Stuart Carlton, Director, Children & Young People's Service.

NOTED: There is a planned process for LGR. Elections to the new Council will go ahead in May 2022 and the shadow authority will be created. A number of work-streams have been established involving joint working with county council and district council employees. There should be minimal impact on schools.

1036: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business had been raised.

1037: FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 16 December 2021 (Virtual)

Thursday 20 January 2022

Thursday 17 March 2022

Thursday 19 May 2022

Thursday 22 September 2022

Thursday 17 November 2022

Thursday 15 December 2022 – if required