

## NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Thursday 18 May 2023 (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>	Ian Yapp
<b>Primary Headteachers:</b>	Rob Campbell, Karen O'Donnell
<b>Secondary Headteachers:</b>	Nick Hinchliffe, Kath Jordan
<b>Nursery Headteacher:</b>	Kathryn Firth
<b>Special Headteacher:</b>	Sarah Edwards
<b>Pupil Referral Service:</b>	
<b>Academies:</b>	Josh Greaves, Jane Turner, Michelle Hockham, Alison Kaye, Kevin Matchett, Helen Williams, Brian Crosby, David Barber,
<b>Governors:</b>	Ray Wells, Corinne Cross
<b>Early Years Providers:</b>	Charlotte Hope-Harrison

<b>16-19 Providers:</b>	Simon Gummerson
<b>Diocesan Representatives:</b>	
<b>Trade Unions:</b>	Anne Swift
<b>Observers:</b>	Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, Cllr Janet Sanderson
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Stuart Carlton, Howard Emmett, Sally Dunn, Janet Crawford, Amanda Newbold, Julia Temple, Andrew Dixon, Mandy Lambert (LSO Minute- Taker), Deborah Wilbor (LSO)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Matthew Vickers, Helen Channing, Jillian Baker (sub Michelle Hall), Andrew Smith, Daniel Metters (sub Simon Gummerson)

#### **1140: WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **1141: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

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

The current vacancies were outlined, Primary LA (2), Secondary LA (1), PRS LA (1), Academy (4) – Quorum is 40% of members.

#### **1142: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2023 be agreed as an accurate record.

#### **1143: MATTERS ARISING**

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

#### **1144: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no other urgent business to note.

#### **1145: MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING DISTRIBUTION**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing an update on the work that has been undertaken, in consultation with the three maintained Nursery Schools operating within North Yorkshire, on reviewing and updating the funding allocation methodology for the MNS Supplementary Funding Grant. There has been a significant increase in the funding for the 2023/24 financial year but still at the national floor funding level.

**NOTED:** The key allocation principles and the MNS financial viability aspect were outlined. The target minimum increase should be 20% per MNS on 2022/23 funding level. The MNS operating characteristics as at the January 2023 headcount had been considered with 40 different scenarios modelled. Each Nursery School allocation was outlined. This is subject to approval by Executive Members on 30 May 2023. Whilst the increase in funding is welcome, North Yorkshire is still at the floor funding level. This has been raised directly to Ministers and will continue to lobby DfE.

The Chair asked to note the work undertaken to model the scenarios for the three Nursery Schools.

**AGREED:**

- (a) To note the review of the funding allocation methodology for the MNS Supplementary Funding Grant and the work undertaken, in consultation with the three MNS operating with North Yorkshire, to develop a proposed updated allocation methodology.
- (b) To note the recommendation to CYPs Executive Members and the Corporate Director – Children & Young People’s Service to approve an updated funding allocation methodology for the MNS Supplementary Funding Grant based on:
  - £50,000 lump sum per MNS
  - The remainder of the funding distributed by:
    - 80% universal 3 & 4-year-old funded hours (termly headcount data)
    - 10% 3 & 4-year-old post code deprivation Band A level (highest level – IMD score >34.17) (January headcount data)
    - 10% 3&4-year-olds eligible for Disability Access Funding (DAF) (3-year average)

#### **1146: SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS UPDATE**

**CONSIDERED:** A report providing an update and requests approval from the Schools Forum for the amendment of the North Yorkshire Council Scheme for Financing Schools.

**NOTED:** In March 2023, a change in guidance was issued by the DfE in relation to 5.4 Income from the sale of assets. It is proposed to update the North Yorkshire Scheme for financing Schools to reflect the DfE directed change – detailed in section 2.4 of the report.

**AGREED:**

- (a) To note the DfE changes to the statutory guidance on Schemes for financing local authority-maintained schools.
- (b) To approve an amendment to the North Yorkshire Council Scheme for Financing Schools to reflect the latest DfE statutory guidance.

#### **1147: DfE “IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECT NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA” CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

**CONSIDERED:** The consultation was undertaken last summer / early autumn with a response sent by the Local Authority. The consultation outcome was outlined.

**NOTED:**

- (Q) What are the potential implications?
- (A) It is reference to the notional SEND in the mainstream school budget.
- (Q) There are three special schools with split sites.
- (A) This is in the mainstream school not high needs block.
- (Q) Is the Whitby Sixth Form one of the two secondaries?
- (A) This was confirmed.
- (Q) Would there be an impact with the election?
- (A) This would be unknown but not complete by the time of the next General Election.

**AGREED: To note the outcome of the consultation.**

#### **1148: SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

**CONSIDERED:** The proposed Schools Capital Programme for 2023/24.

**NOTED:**

(Q) How does the backlog sit with other LAs?

(A) This is unknown but it is suspected that it is higher but will find out whether there is some comparative detail.

**AGREED: To note the report which would be presented to Executive on Tuesday 20 June 2023.**

**1149: DBV PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**CONSIDERED:** A report on the Delivering Better Value which is a DfE-led Scheme. Schools Forum will be kept updated on progress and opportunities for involvement in the programme. This is applicable to 55 LAs who are regarded as in the most challenging financial positions with North Yorkshire being in Tranche 3. £1m one-off grant funding should be received but the terms of the grant will prevent covering the costs of the High Needs System. The High Needs Funding sub-group will be invited to talk about the programme. There should be an opportunity for schools to get involved. The objective of the programme is about making sustainable changes that improve support to children and young people and trying to improve financial stability in the High Needs Block. The DBV programme is designed to support through two key approaches:

- Short term help
- Informing long term reform

There are two waves in Tranche 3 with the other LAs outlined. The improvement opportunities will be identified through gathering data from all partner perspectives and processes. The opportunities for case review workshops would allow to gather evidence on the outcomes of children and young people. Meetings with the High Needs sub-group will be informed by the Programme. School Leaders and SENCOs will be vital participants in the case of the review process, alongside a range of key partners. The process will identify some new opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the SEND system but at the same time realistic about the scale of financial pressure we could face if we extrapolate our current trends regarding requests for assessment.

**NOTED:**

(Q) Does decision-making authority still reside as is or is there a mandate.

(A) A plan would need to be submitted at the end of the process.

**AGREED: That the report be noted.**

**1150: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to note.

**1151: FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 21 September 2023

Thursday 23 November 2023

Thursday 14 December 2023 – if required