



Havering

L O N D O N B O R O U G H

SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM AGENDA

8.30 am

Thursday
5 December 2013

BEST CENTRE
BRITTONS SCHOOL

Members 26: Quorum 10

MEMBERSHIP:

Head Teachers (12):

Nigel Emes (Chair) (Primary)
Margy Bushell (Primary)
Christine Drew (Primary)
David Denchfield (Primary)
Chris Hobson (Primary)
Angela Winch (Primary)
Emma Field (Primary Academy)
Bill Edgar (Secondary)
Julian Dutnall (Secondary Academy)
Simon London (Secondary Academy)
Keith Williams (Secondary Academy)
Geoff Wroe (Special)

Governors (7):

Joe Webster (Vice Chair) (Secondary)
Sheila Clarke (Primary)
Richard Shaw (Primary)
Tracey Walker (Primary)
Daniel Gricks (Secondary Academy)
John McKernan (Secondary Academy)

Pupil Referral Units (1) Vacancy

Non-School Vacancy (Diocesan Board)

Representatives (4): Trevor Sim (Vulnerable Children)
Maria Thompson (14-19 Partnership)
Katrina Karwacinski (Early Years PVI Sector)

Trade Unions (3): Keith Passingham (NASUWT)
Dave Thomas (UNISON)
Ray Waxler (NUT)

Please contact David Allen david.allen@havering.gov.uk Tel: 433851 to give apologies for absence or to raise queries on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS

2 TO AGREE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2013 (Pages 1 - 8)

The notes are attached at Appendix A.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Item 81- De-Delegation refers - The decision on behalf of maintained secondary schools is not to de-delegate the funding for the Attendance and Behaviour and EAL services.

4 MEMBERSHIP (Pages 9 - 10)

- (i) To note the vacancies for a representative from Pupil Referral Units and from Governors of Primary and Special Schools.
- (ii) To note the balance of representation between maintained schools and academies. See Appendix B attached.

5 SCHOOL FORUM GUIDANCE (Pages 11 - 14)

In October 2013 the DFE published an update to its Schools Forums Operational and Good Practice Guidance.

A summarised version is attached at Appendix C and the full document will be tabled for discussion at the meeting.

Should members wish to read the guidance in advance of the meeting it can be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/financialmanagement/schoolsrvenuefunding/schoolsforums/a0070290/guidance-for-schools'-forums-on-their-role>

6 FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR KS1 PUPILS

To consider the impact of the Government decision to provide free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and to disadvantaged students in Further Education Colleges and Sixth Form Colleges from September 2014.

7 PUPIL PREMIUM (Pages 15 - 16)

- (i) To note that the Pupil Premium for 2014-15 has been announced as follows to pupils from Reception to Year 11:

Primary age pupils:	£1,300
Secondary age pupils:	£935
Looked After Children:	£1,900

The criteria for the £1,900 as been extended to children who:

- have been looked after for 1 day or more
 - are adopted
 - leave care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order.
- (ii) To receive a DFE report on undeclared eligibility of free school meals. A summary of the research report is attached at Appendix D and the full document will be tabled for discussion at the meeting. Should members wish to read the guidance in advance of the meeting it can be found at:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupils-not-claiming-free-school-meals>
- (iii) To consider the introduction of an evaluation of schools' use of Pupil Premium.

8 CONSULTATION ON 2014-15 FUNDING CHANGES (Pages 17 - 28)

A consultation paper has been sent to schools and academies on the school funding changes for 2014-15 based on October 2012 data. This is attached for information at Appendix E.

9 ESTIMATE OF DSG ALLOCATION FOR 2014-15

The DFE process for LAs' preparation for the Schools Block allocation 2014-15 includes an estimate by LAs of their DSG based on October 2013 data. This estimate will be tabled at the meeting as the data has not been published at the time of preparing this agenda.

10 NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings have been arranged as follows:

Key Actions	Deadline	Meeting Date
DfE confirms DSG Schools Block allocations for 2014-15 (prior to academy recoupment)	18 December 2013	
LAs to gain Schools Forum / political approval for final 2014-15 funding formula	By mid-January 2014	Thursday 16 January
Deadline for LAs to submit final 2014-15 school budget proforma to EFA	21 January 2014	
Deadline for LAs to confirm budgets for their maintained schools	28 February 2014	Thursday 13 February
Funding Issues 2014-15, Capital Allocation announcement 2014-15, Year end Issues 2013-14		Thursday 20 March
Section 251 statement 2014-15, LA comparative data		Thursday 24 April
Hold for urgent issues		Thursday 22 May
Commence funding cycle for 2015-16		Thursday 10 July

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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