



# Havering

LONDON BOROUGH

## SCHOOLS FUNDING FORUM AGENDA

8:30 am to 11:00am

Thursday  
16 October 2014

CEME, Room 234,  
Main Entrance

Members 26: Quorum 10

| <b>Head Teachers</b>                             |   |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>Secondary Schools</b>                         | <b>Primary Schools</b>  | <b>Special Schools</b> |
| Bill Edgar                                       | Nigel Emes<br>Margy Bushell<br>David Denchfield<br>Chris Hobson<br>Angela Winch<br>Kirsten Cooper | Geoff Wroe             |
| <b>Academies</b>                                 | <b>Academies</b>  |                        |
| Julian Dutnall<br>Simon London<br>Keith Williams | Tim Woodford  |                        |
| <b>Governors</b>                                 |   |                        |
| Joe Webster                                      | Vacancy<br>Tracey Walker<br>Vacancy   | Vacancy                |
| <b>Academies</b>                                 |   |                        |
| John McKernan<br>Daniel Gricks                   |   |                        |
| <b>Pupil Referral Service</b>                    | Christine Drew  |                        |
| <b>Non School Representatives</b>                |   |                        |
| <b>Early Years PVI Sector</b>                    | <b>Post 16</b>  | <b>Diocesan Board</b>  |
| Katrina Karwacinski                              | Maria Thompson  | Vacancy                |
| <b>Trade Unions</b>                              |   |                        |
| <b>NUT</b>                                       | <b>NASUWT</b>   | <b>UNISON</b>          |
| Ray Waxler                                       | Keith Passingham  | John Giles             |

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If you are unable to attend please contact your named substitute or ask David Allen to do so on your behalf.

## AGENDA ITEMS

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS**

**2 TO AGREE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER**

The notes are attached at Appendix A.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**4 SECTION 251 2014-15 BENCHMARKING**

To receive benchmarking data on LA planned expenditure for 2014-15 as recorded in the section 251 budget statement.

A summary of Havering's position along with detailed comparative data will be tabled at the meeting.

**5 SCHOOL CARRY FORWARD BALANCES (Pages 1 - 2)**

To consider a review of the thresholds currently used to challenge schools on high carry forward balances. Appendix B refers.

**6 SCHOOLS WITH FALLING ROLLS- REVIEW OF CRITERIA FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Pages 3 - 6)**

Following the inclusion of a new provision in The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations for 2014-15, Havering introduced arrangements to support schools and academies with falling rolls that are judged by Ofsted to be either Good or Outstanding. LAs were free to develop their own arrangements within the overall criteria and the Schools Funding Forum agreed a budget of £500,000. At the September meeting of the Funding Forum a budget of £500,000 was also agreed for 2015-16 but the local arrangements need to be reviewed for affordability. Appendices C and C.1 refer

**7 SCHOOL FUNDING 2015-16**

To approve the provisional 2015-16 funding formula for submission to the DFE by 31<sup>st</sup> October based on October 2013 data and consider options for the allocation of funding based on forecast pupil numbers for October 2014. Proposals will be tabled at the meeting.

**8 TRADE UNION FACILITY TIME (Pages 7 - 10)**

To note communications received from the LGA and from trade union associations on de-delegation of trade union facility time.  
Appendices D and D.1 refer.

**9 DE-DELEGATION OF BUDGETS IN 2015-16**

Only representatives of maintained primary schools may vote on de-delegation of the primary school budget and representatives of maintained secondary schools on the secondary budget.

**(i) Attendance, Behaviour and Traveller Support Service**

To decide on de-delegation of the budget for the Attendance, Behaviour and Traveller Support Service. A summary of responses from schools will be tabled at the meeting.

**(ii) School Insurance**

To decide on de-delegation of the budget for school insurance. A proposal will be tabled at the meeting.

**10 NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meetings have been arranged as below and further meetings are to be arranged for the Spring and Summer terms.

| <b>Actions</b>   | <b>Deadline</b>                | <b>Meeting Date</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| School census day  | 2 October 2014                 |                     |
| Schools Forum consultation / political approval for provisional 2015-16 funding formula  | By mid-October 2014            | 16 October          |
| Deadline for submission of exceptional cases for amending the place led funding baseline   | 17 October 2014                | 16 October          |
| Deadline for LAs to submit provisional 2015-16 school budget proforma to EFA   | 31 October 2014                | 16 October          |
| Budget tool re-issued to LAs containing October 2014 census-based pupil data   | Mid-December                   |                     |
| Publication of DSG Schools Block allocations for 2015-16 (prior to academy recoupment)   | Wk commencing 15 December 2014 |                     |
| Deadline for submitting final window requests in exceptional circumstances only for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MFG exclusions</li> <li>• Exceptional premises factors</li> <li>• Sparsity factors</li> <li>• Lump sum variations for amalgamating schools</li> <li>• Pupil number variations</li> </ul> | 31 December                    | 11 December         |
| Schools Forum consultation / political approval for final 2015-16 funding formula  | By mid-January 2015            |                     |
| Deadline for LAs to submit final 2014-15 school budget proforma to EFA   | 20 January 2015                |                     |
| Deadline for LAs to confirm budgets for their maintained schools   | 27 February 2015               |                     |
| Funding Issues 2015-16, Capital Allocation announcement 2015-16, Year end Issues 2014-15   |                                |                     |
| Section 251 statement 2015-16, LA comparative data   |                                |                     |
| Hold for urgent issues   |                                |                     |
| Commence funding cycle for 2016-17   |                                |                     |

All meetings to be held at CEME at 8.30 a.m.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**