

# **Minutes**

Meeting Schools Forum Wednesday 12th October 2016

Location Langdale Centre 12.30 - 2.00pm

Representing Headteacher Churchill Community College Secondary/Middle **Present** David Baldwin (Chair)

Mark Longstaff Head of Commissioning & Investment NTC Jon Ritchie Account Director, ENGIE **NTC** Elaine Appleby School Finances Advisor **NTC** Christina Ponting Senior HR Business Partner NTC

Michael McHugh Governor, St Mary's (FH) Primary/First Anne Marie Crozier Deputy Principal: Finance & Corporate

Development Tyne Met College Post 16 Headteacher, Coquet Park First Colleen Ward Primary/First

Peter Thorp Governor, Redesdale Primary Primary/First Kehri Ellis North Tyneside Learning Trust Trust

Paul Rickeard Director of Education, C of E Diocese

Headteacher, John Spence Community High Jim Stephenson Secondary/Middle

Headteacher, Kings Priory School Philip Sanderson Academy Headteacher, Whitley Bay High School Steve Wilson Secondary/Middle

Paul Quinn Headteacher, Longbenton High School Secondary/Middle

St Thomas More RC Academy David Watson Academy

Headteacher, Sir James Knott Nursery John Croft Nursery Claire McLeod **NASUWT** T U Representative

Dave Erskine Headteacher, Southlands School Special

Collette Bland Headteacher, St Marys Primary (North Shields) **RC Diocese** Angi Gibson Headteacher, Hadrian Park Primary School Primary/First Headteacher, Cullercoats Primary School Gavin Storey Primary/First Headteacher, Bailey Green Primary School Lisa Taylor Primary/First

Alex Thompson Children's Choice Nursery Early Years PVI Jim Stephenson Headteacher, John Spence Community High Secondary/Middle

Headteacher, Wellfield Middle School Susan Winter Primary/First **Sharron Colpitts-Elliott** Headteacher, Rockckiffe First School Primary/First Jim Crinson Headteacher, Collingwood Primary Primary/First

Lisa Taylor Headteacher, Bailey Green Primary Primary/First Philip Sanderson Headteacher, Kings Priory Academies

Headteacher, St Aidan's RC Primary Andrew James (part) Primary/First

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

John Newport (Susan Winter), Paul Durgan, Karen Croskery, Viv Buller, Eileen Bell (Paul

The Chair welcomed Colleen Ward to the Forum to represent First and Primary Schools in the North East locality. Colleen has a Schools Forum member induction session arranged

with Christina.

### **Voting Rights**

After a query around voting rights a vote was taken on a proposal for members to carry votes for members who are absent.

Votes for 3

Votes against 18

Abstentions 2

Forum agreed that the constitution will be amended to reflect the outcome of the vote.

# 2. Minutes of Last Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> September 2016)

With a correction to Steve Wilson's query the minutes were agreed

## 3. Matters arising

Item 4. CP confirmed that individuals have been informed of the requirement to send a substitute to Forum if putting in apologies.

Item 5. EA provided the table below in response to a query from Steve Wilson.

	Budget Plan
	16/17 Outturn
Deficits Approved	-4,809,262
Deficits under £5000	-2,349
Surplus Schools	4,570,465
All schools outturn	-241,146

Item 5. CP confirmed that the information around financial support was taken to Headteacher Briefing.

Item 7. CP confirmed notes of thanks have been sent to members who have recently stood down from Forum and vacancies have been advertised.

# 4. Centrally Retained and De-delegated items 2017/18

JR and EA talked through the briefing note previously circulated. A formal decision on these items is not required until the funding formula is agreed at the January Forum but to allow sufficient consultation to take place, it is beneficial for Forum to consider the items earlier to give an indication of any potential change in funding allocation. It is also an opportunity to ask services for any clarification or breakdowns required to inform decisions.

EA confirmed that the centrally retained sums are contributions to the various services and do not necessarily make up the entire fund of that service eg the Early Years Service fund also has contributions from the SLA for Education Services and from the Authorities General fund.

Colleagues requested:

- A presentation on the Education Improvement Partnership, what it does and which schools contribute
- A presentation on the English as an Additional Language Service
- A breakdown of the Early Years Service and School Improvement Services by pupil as this was very informative last year
- Clarification on the budget to Support Mainstream Schools in Financial Difficulty

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5.	Education Psychology Service Forum noted their disappointment that KR was not in attendance at the meeting and requested that a paper to be circulated ahead of the next meeting and further discussed at the next meeting rather than defer the item. KR to be invited to the next meeting.	LM
6.	<ul> <li>Any other business</li> <li>CP informed colleagues that two expressions of interest have been received to fill the vacancy for a Governor to represent Secondary/High/Middle schools and will inform colleagues further after contacting the individuals</li> <li>CP to confirm to all members the sub-committees which operate to support forum, the focus of these sub groups and the current membership</li> <li>JR thanked colleagues for their submissions on the consultation for the Funding Formula and requested that Headteachers are reminded to submit their responses before Friday</li> </ul>	CP All
8.	Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th November 2016 12.00 lunch 12.30 start  Funding Formula Sub group 4 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> November 12:30 contact JR	