



<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>Item 3</b> Steve Wilson confirmed that his query on school surpluses had been answered but noted he finds the amount of surpluses staggering.</p> <p><b>Item 5</b> The Education Psychology Report has been circulated in advance of today's meeting.</p> <p><b>Item 6</b> CP confirmed all admin actions relating to Forum membership have been completed.</p> <p><b>Changes to Forum membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Members Viv Buller (High/Secondary/Middle) and Michael McHugh (Nursery/First/Primary) have stepped down as their terms of office end on the 31<sup>st</sup> November 16.</li> <li>• David W Bavaird (Governor at Norham) was welcomed as a new member representing Secondary/Middle schools. Forum were asked to consider the appointment of an additional Governor as a replacement for Viv Buller – a governor had previously come forward as being interested in the role and had offered to step in as a deputy in the event that David WB or Viv were unable to attend. Forum agreed to this governor being approached and asked if he would be will to undertake the role on an established basis replacing Viv.</li> <li>• On the basis that Michael was stepping down from Forum and all other Governor members of Forum would be new, Peter Thorpe had agreed to stand as a Governor Forum member for Nursery/First/Primary schools and Forum were asked to consider Peter's term of office being rolled forward to provide support to new governors. Forum agreed and Peter was welcomed back into Forum for a further three year term of office.</li> <li>• Jim Stephenson's term of office will also end November 16, Jim confirmed that he will discuss options for representation at the next Headteachers Meeting later this week and advised Forum accordingly who the representative would be for his locality/sector.</li> <li>• Eileen Bell representation of the C of E Diocese had been confirmed by the CofE Diocese for a further three year term of office.</li> <li>• David Baldwin was recommended by his locality and sector as being their representative, David's term of office was therefore confirmed for a further three year period.</li> </ul> <p><b>All recommendations were agreed.</b> Notes of thanks to be sent to members who have stepped down.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>JS</p> <p>CP</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Education Psychology Service update and implications of EHC plans – Kath Robinson</b></p> <p>Kath Robinson talked through the report already circulated and asked for questions/comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns were raised around travel time being added to costs</li> <li>• Would there be a sliding scale of costs if trainees were to complete reports <b>(Clarification on these points to be sought from Education Psychology and provided at the next meeting)</b></li> <li>• 2.2 KR confirmed that the DfE had hinted that the grant to support the transition for statements into education, Health and care plans would continue</li> <li>• Any schools interested in participating in the Action Research project ran in conjunctions with the Learning Trust to contact EPS/Kehri Ellis</li> <li>• KR to follow up queries around benchmarking and the time it takes to turn statutory assessment reports around and report back to Forum</li> </ul>	<p>LM</p>

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<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Mainstream School Funding 2017/18 – update from sub-group</b> JR gave a presentation (available on the NT website) on the summary of findings from the Schools Funding Formula working group.</p> <p>DB expressed a disappointment at the number of responses (7 out of 78).</p> <p>DB thanked JR, EA and the members of the working group for the significant time they had given to this issue.</p> <p><b>Forum agreed all recommendations proposed and that the formula to be run in late December when the EFA announces NTC's allocation.</b></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>High Needs SEND Provision and Emerging Funding Pressures for 2017/18</b> ML talked through the paper already circulated and available on the NT website.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b> Forum were asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Note the residual balance for 2015-16.</li> <li>▪ Note the forecast High Needs Block outturn for 2016-17 and emerging pressures.</li> <li>▪ Note the emerging issues that need to be considered and quantified in establishing the 2017-18 High Needs Block.</li> <li>▪ Agree that the SEND Working Group should prepare a paper for consideration by Schools Forum at the December meeting.</li> <li>▪ Highlight any specific points or principles they would like SEND Working Group to adopt or consider in preparing their recommendations.</li> <li>▪ Be mindful of the DfE's Review of High Needs funding arrangements. Further details are awaited from DfE.</li> </ul> <p><b>All points were agreed/noted</b></p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Presentations from the School Improvement Team</b> Jonathan Chicken gave a presentation (available on the NT website) and asked for any questions/comments. A discussion followed around SLAs, income generation and the impact if DSG is reduced.</p> <p>Angela James gave a presentation on the EMTAS Service (available on the NT website). The Chair thanked Angela and Jonathan for their presentations which will help to inform decision making in January 2017.</p> <p>JR circulated a table showing Centrally retained sums from the DSG per pupil as requested at the last meeting.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Education Improvement Partnership</b> Jim Stephenson presented and talked through a paper outlining the purpose, achievements and membership of the EIP. (available on the NT website)</p> <p>The Chair thanked Jim for the presentation which will help to inform decision making in January 2017.</p> <p>Forum requested that all of the presentations given to help inform decision making at the January meeting be uploaded to the NT website.</p>	<b>LM/JS</b>

6.	<b>Any other business</b> -	
8.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Wednesday 7th December 2016 12.00 lunch 12.30 start	