

Schools Forum

12 January, 2016

Dates of Future Meetings

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to set out Schools Forum dates for 2016/17 meetings and to agree Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, Blakenall, Walsall as the venue for the meetings.

Recommendations

(a) That, subject to availability of the venue identified, the timetable for meetings of the Forum be agreed for the year as follows, the meetings to be held at 4.00 p.m. at Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, Blakenall, Walsall:-

Tuesday, 5 July, 2016 (Summer)
Tuesday, 20 September, 2016 (Autumn)
Tuesday, 11 October, 2016 (Autumn)
Tuesday, 10 January, 2017 (Spring)

(b) That, in the event of additional meetings proving necessary, provisional dates be agreed as follows:-

Tuesday, 7 June, 2016 (Summer)
Tuesday, 6 December, 2016 (Autumn)
Tuesday, 7 February, 2017 (Spring)
Tuesday, 7 March, 2017 (Spring)

Background

At its meeting held on 13 June, 2006, the Schools Forum agreed a revised Constitution stating that the Forum will meet five times per year, twice in the Spring term, once in the Summer term and twice in the Autumn term.

At the meeting of the Forum held on 3 March, 2009, it was agreed that meetings commence at 4.00 p.m. and as the Conference Room at Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, Blakenall, Walsall had been used successfully, it was felt that all future meetings be held at that venue, subject to availability for the dates and times identified.

The proposed programme of meetings contained in the report is in line with the extended forward plan to be submitted to the meeting of Schools Forum on 12th January, 2016.

Members eligible to vote

All members are eligible to vote.

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Appendix to Item No. 11

Schools Forum Suggested Forward Plan

Date	Confirmed or Provisional	Key Business for Meeting	Draft list of Reports
Tuesday 12 January 2016	Confirmed	The EFA require the final Walsall Schools Funding Formula normally by the third week in January. The information this is based on will not be received until mid December. This meeting is therefore critical to ensure that this deadline is met. Any earlier and there will not be time to get the papers out 1 week in advance, any later and it could miss the EFA deadline. Once Schools Forum recommend the financial values, then the Director of Children's Services (David Haley) has to authorise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final schools funding formula (Dawn Morris) • High Needs rates (Dawn Morris) • Request for members of a working party to review the schools funding formula – incorporating any data we have at this stage on the consultation on a national funding formula (Dawn Morris) • SEN Update (Lynda Poole / Len Brazier) • Admissions Service Update (Kate Mann)
Tuesday 9 February 2016	Provisional	This meeting is in the diary to pick up any outstanding business from December 2014 and January 2015. This would be unknown at this time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement Update (Lynda Poole / Jane Bonner) • SEN Update (Lynda Poole / Len Brazier)
Tuesday 8 March 2016	Provisional		
Tuesday 7 June 2016	Provisional	This meeting is normally used if significant issues develop and to ensure there is not 6 months between Forum meetings	
Tuesday 5 July 2016	Confirmed	In recent years there has been discussion around a National Funding Formula. Equally with the consultation on the implementation of a national funding formula there maybe more information that needs to be shared at a strategic level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of maintained school balances at the end of 2015/16 (Dawn Morris) • Review of DSG surplus / deficit position at end of 2015/16 (Lloyd

		If there is a desire or need to update the current funding formula it would be at this meeting that a process would at the very latest need to begin.	Haynes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of membership (Glenys Ensor) • Update on 2 year old capital expenditure (Nicola Hart) • Revised constitution (if required) (Glenys Ensor) • Annual report (Glenys Ensor) • Update on School Ready Investment (Isabel Vanderheeren)
Tuesday 20 September 2016	Confirmed	This meeting will start and potentially finish the schools funding formula consultation (which then needs to go to Cabinet for approval in October each year to meet the EFA deadline of responding by end of October).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Glenys Ensor) • Presentation from Mike Parrott on future of Music Service (Mike Parrott) • Schools Funding Formula sign off (Dawn Morris)
Tuesday 11 October 2016	Confirmed	This meeting is essential to run the de-delegation process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-Delegation for maintained schools (Lloyd Haynes) • Update on 2 year old capital expenditure (Nicola Hart) • Update on forecast DSG surplus / deficit (Lloyd Haynes)
Tuesday 6 December 2016	Provisional		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Expenditure (Lloyd Haynes) • Review of Admissions Service and Funding (Kate Mann)
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