

DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM

Tuesday 29th April, 2014 at 6.00 pm
at Saltwells Education Development Centre,
Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Mr Ridley – Chair

Mr Patterson – Vice-Chair

Mr Bate, Mrs Belcher, Mr Conway, Mr Derham, Mrs Garratt, Mrs N Jones, Mr Nesbitt, Mrs Quigley, Mr Ward, Mr Weaver and Mrs Withers.

Person(s) not a member of the Forum but having an entitlement to attend meetings and speak

The Interim Director of Children's Services

Also in attendance

Acting Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education Services) (Directorate of Children's Services); Children's Services Finance Manager, Senior Principal Accountant and the Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Mrs Hannaway, Mr Harris, Mr Kelleher, Mrs Ruffles, Mr Shaw and Mr Warren.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 18th March, 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

5. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT PLANNING PROCESS 2014/15 – FINAL UPDATE

A report of the Interim Director of Children's Services was submitted in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant Budget allocation for 2014/15 as at 31st March 2014.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, be noted.

6. FAIRIER SCHOOLS FUNDING IN 2015/16 CONSULTATION

A report of the Interim Director of Children's Services was submitted in respect of the Department for Education (DfE) consultation on the proposed changes to the school funding arrangements for 2015/16.

The Senior Principal Accountant presented the report and referred to each question of the consultation individually and highlighted the comments and recommended responses suggested by members of the Headteachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working Group.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information contained in the report, be noted.
- (ii) That the responses to the Fairer Schools Funding in 2015/16 consultation be supported and endorsed by the members of Dudley Schools Forum.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That the dates of future meetings be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm.

CHAIR