



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting Schools Forum Monday 14th January 2019

Location Langdale Centre

Present

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D Deputy
A Apologies
O Absent

Name	Organisation	Representing	20.12.18	14.01.19
Andrew James	St Aidan's	Primary	✓	✓
Angela James	North Tyneside Council	EOTAS/LAC	✓	A
Angi Gibson	Hadrian Park	Primary	✓	✓
Audrey Kingham	Tyne Met	16-19 Provider	✓	✓
Glen Bowman	Trade Unions	Trade Unions	✓	✓
Colleen Ward	Coquet Park First School	First	Stephen Easton	Stephen Easton
Collette Bland	St Mary's Cullercoats	RC Diocese	✓	✓
David Baldwin	Churchill	Secondary	✓	Jull Huxtable
David Bavaird	Norham High School	Governor - Secondary	✓	✓
Anne Welsh	Monkseaton High School	Governor - Secondary	✓	A
David Watson	St Thomas More	Academy	✓ Anthony Gollings (part)	✓
Vacant	Diocese	C of E Diocese		
Gavin Storey	Cullercoats	Primary	✓	✓
Jill Wraith	Benton Dene Primary	Primary	✓	Carmel Parker
Matt Snape	Marden High School	Secondary	✓	✓
John Croft	Sir James Knott	Nursery	✓	A
John Newport	Marden Bridge Middle	Middle	✓	✓
Karen Croskery	North Tyneside Student Support Service	PRU	Michael Tate	✓
Laura Baggett	Monkhouse	Primary	✓	✓
Paul Quinn	Longbenton	Secondary	✓	✓
Peter Gannon	Silverdale	Special	✓	✓
Peter Thorp	Redesdale	Governor - Primary	✓	✓
Philip Sanderson	Kings Priory	Academy	✓	✓
Joanne Thompson	Early Years PVI	Holystone Out of School	✓	✓

Sharron Colpitts-Elliott	Rockcliffe	Primary	✓	✓
Stephen Baines	Holystone Primary	Primary	✓	✓
Steve Wilson	Whitley Bay	High	✓	Andy Thurlow
In Attendance:				
Mark Longstaff	Head of Commissioning & Investment	NTC	✓	✓
Claire Emmerson	Senior Manager - Finance Strategy & Planning	NTC	✓	✓
Christina Ponting	Senior Manager - Schools HR	ENGIE/NTC	✓	✓
Lesley Mitchell	PA to Head of Commissioning & Investment	NTC	✓	✓
Joanne Harries	Performance	NTC	✓	

1.	Apologies for Absence See Table above. The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year for the first Schools Forum of 2019 which was an extra meeting to continue conversations from the last Forum.	
2.	Declaration of Interest -	
3.	Council Financial Position Claire Emmerson CE talked through a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposals agreed by Cabinet and sent out for consultation with key stakeholders. The Chair thanked CE for this update.	
4.	National Funding Formula – Update DSG Update on 2019/20 DSG Values and Funding Distributions including Proposed Transfer to High Needs and request for approval of De-delegated and Centrally Retained items Sue Graham DSG SG talked through the briefing paper updated following the publication of the initial allocations for each of the DSG blocks including tables giving changes to allocations and comparisons with previous financial years allocations Consultation The briefing note also included more detail around the responses received to the consultation by phase as requested at the last Forum. High Needs Block Mark Longstaff ML talked through the various transfer options from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block allowable under DFE guidance and the impact on AWPU. Discussion followed around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations from DSG and whether Academies are included in figures SG to ascertain true figures for next Forum 	SG

Action

- The difference on impact of formula between primary and secondary schools
- Different ways to work out formula
- ML confirmed that it is Forum's decision on how money is moved between blocks and that it is an annual decision
- How proposals support keeping children in school
- Balancing funds to meet current demand

Early Years Funding

Sue Graham

The majority of the respondents to the consultation agreed that North Tyneside's Funding Formula for 2019.20 should be maintained at the current level.

Central Block Funding

Centrally Retained Items (appendix A)

This remains unchanged from 2018/19.

Discussion followed around:

- Primary and Secondary schools buy into SLAs however there are different levels of support to choose from
- This funding is always used and is often topped up by the LA
- Colleagues were reminded that officers from the relevant services attended previous Forums to describe how the funds are used

De-delegated items (Appendix B)

- CP confirmed that requests for support for vulnerable Headteachers have to fall into agreed categories, confidential updates are provided to Schools Forum members periodically, an update will be provided to Schools Forum members directly before the next meeting.

School Benchmarking Information

Colleagues were reminded that the local benchmarking information is now available for the 2017/18 base year which is helpful in completing the Schools Value Financial Standard (SFVS) statement to be submitted by 31st March 2019.

Recommendations

Forum were asked to :

1. Note the further information provided on the responses to consultation with all schools in relation to distribution of funding from the Schools Block.

Noted

2. Note the update on the allocations for 2019/20 for each of the four funding blocks and the proposals for the distribution of funding.

Noted

3. Approve the centrally retained items outlined in Appendix A

Forum agreed

4. Approve the de-delegated items rate per pupil outlined in Appendix B

Forum agreed

5. Acknowledge the pressure in the High Needs Block and agree to a phased approach to dealing with the deficit over a two year period. Therefore, agree 0.25% transfer from the Schools Block on a flat rate per pupil basis.

This item was voted on 12 Yes , 8 No

<p>Action</p>	<p>6. Note the publication of the local benchmarking information for schools to use in the completion of their SFVS and to support budget setting.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Colleagues who are presenting report as to ensure that when reports are presented in future years they note which members can vote on the various items.</p>	<p>CE/SG</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Scheme for Financing Schools Deferred to next Forum</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB None</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th April 2019 12:30pm - Langdale</p>	