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SCHOOLS FORUM

will meet on

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2017

At 2.30 pm

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, MAIDENHEAD,

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

HEAD TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES: ISABEL COOKE, RICHARD PILGRIM (CHAIRMAN), HELEN MCHALE, ALISON PENNY, NICK STEVENS (VICE-CHAIRMAN), JOOLZ SCARLETT, MIKE WALLACE, CHRIS TOMES, AMANDA HOUGH AND MARTIN TINSLEY.

GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES: HUGH BOULTER AND JO HASWELL.

NON- SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES: ANNE ENTWISTLE.

David Cook - Democratic Services Manager - Issued: 4/12/2017

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AGENDA

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MEMBERS' GUIDE TO DECLARING INTERESTS IN MEETINGS

Disclosure at Meetings

If a Member has not disclosed an interest in their Register of Interests, they **must make** the declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting, or as soon as they are aware that they have a DPI or Prejudicial Interest. If a Member has already disclosed the interest in their Register of Interests they are still required to disclose this in the meeting if it relates to the matter being discussed.

A member with a DPI or Prejudicial Interest **may make representations at the start of the item but must not take part in discussion or vote at a meeting.** The term 'discussion' means a discussion by the members of meeting. In order to avoid any accusations of taking part in the discussion or vote, Members should move to the public area or leave the room once they have made any representations. If the interest declared has not been entered on to a Members' Register of Interests, they must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing within the next 28 days following the meeting.

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- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit made in respect of any expenses occurred in carrying out member duties or election expenses.
- Any contract under which goods and services are to be provided/works to be executed which has not been fully discharged.
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- Any licence to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
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- Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
 - a) that body has a piece of business or land in the area of the relevant authority, and
 - b) either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body **or** (ii) the total nominal value of the shares of any one class belonging to the relevant person exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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Or, if making representations on the item: 'I declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will make representations, then I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'

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Any interest which a reasonable, fair minded and informed member of the public would reasonably believe is so significant that it harms or impairs the Member's ability to judge the public interest in the item, i.e. a Member's decision making is influenced by their interest so that they are not able to impartially consider relevant issues.

A Member with a Prejudicial interest should state in the meeting: ***'I declare a Prejudicial Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'***

Or, if making representations in the item: 'I declare a Prejudicial Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will make representations, then I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'

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Agenda Item 4

SCHOOLS FORUM

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Richard Pilgrim, Martin Tinsley, Joolz Scarlett, Hugh Boulter, Chris Tomes, Nick Stevens and Alison Penny.

Also in attendance: Councillor Natasha Airey

Officers: Kevin McDaniel, James Norris and David Cook.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Isabel Cooke, Mike Wallace and Jo Haswell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA CONSULTATION FEEDBACK & SCHOOLS BUDGET 2018/19

The Forum were informed that at their meeting on 2nd November 2017 it was agreed that a consultation would be undertaken on the principles relating to a number of formula factors impacting on the Schools Budget allocation, funding formula for 2018/19 and migration towards the National Funding Formula (NFF).

The consultation period was open between the 8th – 22nd November 2017. A total of 38 responses were received representing 64% of schools. The primary sector accounted for 25 schools (57% of primary) and middle and secondary 13 (92% of middle and secondary). No response was received from the Special School. In total 13,492 (60%) of pupils were represented by their schools.

There were also a number of briefings made available in support of the consultation.

The Forum were informed that the results of the consultation showed clear support for maintaining the Minimum Funding Guarantee and the new Minimum Per Pupil Level. There was also support for the Growth Fund, although there was a suggestion that alternative funding sources should support the expansion programme rather than funding being top-sliced from the Schools Block.

There was strong support for the retention of a formula funding rate per looked after child with a number of schools expressing their desire to continue to support some of our most vulnerable pupils.

There was also support for the implementation of the new Free School Meals factor, alongside the Ever6. However, there was a difference within the sectors with 76% of primary schools in favour of the introduction whilst this fell to 54% of secondary schools.

With regards to the transfer of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block 55% supporting the transfer and 37% against, with 68% of primary and 31% of secondary schools supporting the transfer. Secondary schools commenting that they opposed the block transfer on the grounds that they viewed the Schools Block should be protected and they were concerned that the funding might be simply used to invest in consultants.

92% of schools responded that during the soft years the Royal Borough should take the opportunity of migrating towards the NFF.

With regards to the preferred options model 2 had 51% support and model 3 with 40%. The results were sector driven with 72% of primary schools favouring model 2; whilst 76% of secondary schools opting for model 3.

The Chairman recommended that high needs should be a standing item on future agendas so the progress of the working group and the implementation of actions can be monitored. It was important that there was accountability and that the additional funding was making a difference. The Director confirmed that the £400,000 was for one year and was ring fenced for the SEN working Group.

The Chairman also requested that the action plan be made available before the funding was spent which was agreed. It was noted that the action plan would help reduce the need to send pupils to out of borough placements and thus reduce this budget pressure.

Resolved unanimously: that the Schools Forum:

- **note and comment on the contents of the report**
- **approves the Schools Block budget transfer**
- **approves model 2 as set out in the consultation.**

The meeting, which began at 2.30pm, finished at 3.15pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....