

The KIRKLEES SCHOOLS FORUM PUBLIC (Schools Funding Consultative Group) meeting held on **Friday 3 March 2023** at 10.00 am at **Cathedral House, Huddersfield**

Present:

Name:	Category of Membership:
Andi Gilroy-Sinclair	Nursery School Heads (1)
Helen Pearson, Diana Wilson, Laura Willimott, Louise Brown, Katie Pearson, Jenny Shore	Primary School Heads (5)
Darren Christian, Andrew Fell	High School Heads (1)
Paul Evans	Special School Heads (1)
	Special Academy Heads (1)
Michelle Lee (Chair), Dave Wadsworth, Ian Rimmer	Academy Heads (5)
	Pupil Referral Units (1)
Paula Wescott, Hazel Danson	Non-school members (5)
	School Governors (1)
Liz Kilner (minute clerk), Jo-Anne Sanders, Natalie McSheffrey, David Baxter, Martin Wilby, Emma Brayford,	Officers in Support
	Observers

1 **Apologies for Absence** **Apologies for Absence**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

- Kelsey Clark-Davies – Head of Inclusion & Educational Safeguarding
- Mel Meggs – Strategic Director for Children's Services
- Cllr Carole Pattison – Portfolio Holder
- Sally Rawson

2 **Minutes of the Schools Forum meeting held on 11th November 2022**

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

3 **Matters arising from meeting held on 11th November 2022** **Matters arising from meeting held on 11 November 2022**

There were no matters arising for discussion.

4 **Kirklees Education & Learning Partnership Board (standing item)** **Kirklees Education & Learning Partnership Board (KELPB)**

It was noted that the next meeting of the KELPB will be held on the 15 March 2023.

5 Early Years Funding Formula 2023 - 2024
Early Years Funding Formula 2023 – 2024

(a) Early Years Funding Formula 2023-24

The Early Years Funding Formula 2023-24 document was circulated before the meeting.

- A consultation has now been completed on the 3 Model options
 - Model 1 – Maximise base rates.
 - Model 2 – Introduce a quality supplement.
 - Model 3 – Increase deprivation supplement.
- The results of the consultation were:
 - Out of 395 providers there were 121 responses (response rate 31%)
 - 86% of responses were for Model 1 – maximise base rates and make no other changes to the funding formula.
- The recommendation is Model 1 based on the results of the consultation.

Q. Do we need to endorse one of the model options today?

A. Yes and the recommendation is Model 1

Q. Is Model 1 detrimental to the most vulnerable providers?

A. The amounts of money are not significant.

Q. Does Model 3 target areas of greatest hardship?

A. Yes but some of what is gained from the supplement would be lost in the base rate.
Amounts of money are minimal.

It was noted that the members present approved the recommended Model 1 option.

6 ESFA update on funding submission
ESFA response to funding submission

The ESFA Funding Update 2 March 2023 document was circulated before the meeting.

David Baxter summarised the key areas of the report for the meeting.

- The APT (Authority Proforma Tool) was submitted to the ESFA on 19 January 2023..
- The Kirklees Council Safety Valve Block Transfer was approved on 28 February 2023 and Individual School Budget documentation derived from the 2023 2024 APT was issued to all maintained schools.

7 Any other business
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(a) Retirement

Paula Wescott updated that she will be retiring in April 2023.

Paula was thanked for all her work for Schools Forum and wished all the best for the future.

8 Confirm minutes
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The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed above.

9 **Date and time of next meeting**
Dates and times of next meeting

- Friday 23rd June 2023 Public

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.