

# THE KIRKLEES SCHOOLS FORUM

## meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### 10:30am at the Tolson Museum

#### Present:

	Nursery School Heads (1)
Michelle Lee [Chair], Lynn Hill, Diana Wilson	Primary School Heads (6)
Gary Johnson	Middle School Heads (1)
Ian Ellam	High School Heads (2)
	Special School Heads (1)
Mike Cook	Academy Heads (2)
Martin Ridge	Pupil Referral Units (1)
	Kirklees Governors (1)
Jo Bailey-Taylor (NASUWT), Gillian Collins (ATL), Hazel Danson (NUT), Sarah Ellis (Pre-school Learning Alliance)	Non-school members (5)
Angela Farmer (Senior Finance Officer) David Gearing (Financial Delegation Manager); [Minute Clerk] Liz Singleton (Deputy Assistant Director, Learning)	Officers in Support
Sue Palmer	Observers

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Nicky Rogers (Special School Heads), Simon Sloan (Primary School Heads) and Loz Wilson (Secondary School Heads).

#### 2. Minutes of the Schools Forum Public meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

#### 3. Matters arising from the Schools Forum meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December

No matters were raised.

#### 4. Final funding submission to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for 2015-16

The last Forum meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was held before local authorities had received details from the EFA of the new data set (to govern 2015-16 Schools Block Funding allocations) and confirmation of their 2015-16 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation. The 12<sup>th</sup> December meeting recorded decisions to finalise both the 2015-16 retained DSG budget account and the 2015-16 de-delegation pattern for the maintained schools sectors. The Education Funding Agency deadline for submission of the final 2015-16 Schools Block allocations to local schools and academies was Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The attached report summarises for Forum the main developments between their 12<sup>th</sup> December meeting and the final submission of arrangements to the EFA. The paper provided details about the following topics: -

- The securing of local political sign-off for the final funding submission to the EFA
- An overview of Kirklees' 2015-16 DSG funding settlement compared to 2014-15
- An explanation of adjustments made between the three funding blocks to address internal pressure points
- An explanation of how some funding factor values have changed for 2015-16
- Confirmation of the EFA's acceptance of our submission and when Budget Share notifications were notified to maintained schools.

Forum members were consulted and kept informed about the above developments before the final submission was made.

## **5. Maintained Schools Budget Share allocations 2015-16**

A summary analysis of 2015-16 Budget Share allocations to local maintained schools was one of today's agenda papers. [Academies were excluded from the analysis because, although the Schools Block part of their Budget Share is determined by the local authority's formula, the remaining part of the allocation is determined by the Education Funding Agency, so like-for-like comparisons are not possible].

The analysis showed for each maintained school their 2015-16 Budget Share and its component parts...

- The Schools Block local funding formula
- Specialist Provision funding (where applicable)
- Top-up funding for High Needs pupils
- (Estimated) Early Years funding for schools offering the free nursery entitlement
- Pupil Premium allocations
- Service Children Pupil Premium allocations

To give some context to the allocations, the spreadsheet also gives the equivalent Budget Share figures for 2014-15 and plots the change between the two years in terms of cash difference and percentage change in budget. For the larger differences listed there are notes provided in the end column to highlight the main reasons underlying the change.

## **6. Any other business**

No other business was raised.

**Date and time of next meeting** [time and venue to be confirmed]

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 9:30am to 11:30am