





Derby City Council

School Forum
Tuesday 15 October 2019
5pm – 7pm
St Giles School, Hampshire Road
Derby DE21 6BT



Present:	Clive Lawrence (Chair) Pauline Anderson, DCC Paula Baines-Chambers, Primary Academy Laura Besenzi, Primary Academy Janet Bowlzer, DCC Finance Nicola Caley, Secondary Head David Hall, Primary Head Karen Hayes, Secondary Head Lisa Hopwell, Business Manager Angela O'Brien, Primary Academy Alison Parkin, DCC Finance Mike Pride, Kingsmead John Rimmer, Primary Governor Andy Smith, DCC Alan Smith/Arshad Iqbal, E4E, DCC (part) Sheila Rollinson, NASUWT		
Apologies:	Jason Coupland, Cllr Evonne Williams		
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1	<p>Membership – Coral Golding/Heather Ryder-Carrington to identify an Early Years rep.</p> <p>John Rimmer, Parent Governor confirmed that he will be leaving Schools Forum at the end of the calendar year, after over 15 year's service. AP noted a new parent governor needs to be identified. Schools Forum thanked John for his contributions over the years.</p> <p>School Forum papers confirmed they are on the website for all schools to see:- https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/schools-forum/</p> <p>AP gave feedback in relation to the self assessment toolkit feedback, the main areas included training and access to papers which have been considered. Work plan and forward plan are being put in place AP offered School Forum some deep dive training during the meeting. It was agreed the December meeting will at 4.30pm to accommodate this, and business as usual to start at 5pm.</p> <p>SEND Consultation - CL questioned where the LA where in relation to the SEND consultation and asked if there would be any further cuts to the School budgets, and expressed that schools were unclear on what was coming next, and what had been actioned.</p>	AP	 19 06 25 School Forum minutes.docx



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special school banding has been reduced - actioned - TA hours, not been actioned - Adjustments to enhanced graduated response – not been actioned - Reduction surplus Enhanced Resources places – not been actioned <p>AP commented that the Council was working on the budget for 2020 21 And any future budget proposals would be consulted on with the sector. AS commented that a group of Headteachers had been working with the LA on future proposals.</p> <p>CL asked what themes were being discussed at the Headteacher meeting. AS confirmed that these were still in development and these had to be reviewed in the context of the recent announcement of additional funding for SEND .</p> <p>CL commented that he felt there was unfinished communication from the LA as some schools may still be expecting implementation of some the previous consultation proposals. AS confirmed that these are not progressing and will be considered against future plans in the context of additional funding. CL felt there were challenges around what the options might be and a timeline needs to be agreed for the consultation.</p> <p>After the discussion it was agreed AS will scope and will send out communication to schools around what has been agreed from the consultation.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 25 June 2019 were recorded as a true record of the meeting.</p>	<p>AS</p>	
<p>01/19</p>	<p>Enterprise for Education</p> <p>Arshad and Alan attended the forum to present the work of the programme and asked Forum to consider their future financial support.</p> <p>School Forum members discussed E4E proposal and funding, and there was a majority vote to support this in principle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding of 70k was given to E4E through the DSG reserves, but this is not available this year. - Other funding models for schools contributions were discussed, could be funded by schools? - Need to discuss how much funding/contribution is required, no set figure was given to the Forum for them to consider. AP to take this forward. - The DSG Budget has not being set yet therefore no commitment could be made by schools. It was agreed that at the next Schools Forum meeting in December they would consider a specific request from E4E in the context of considering the overall budget and that a detailed budget plan was required from E4E to support this. . - AP to communicate the opinions of the Forum and will bring 	<p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>	<p> E4E SF presentation 15Oct2019 FINAL.ppt</p>




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	detailed budget plan to December meeting to discuss options for the proposal.		
02/19	Work Plan AP explained the budget needs to be set for next financial year for consideration to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Around Transfers for High Needs/School blocks- Pool funding- Funding formula- DSG recovery plan AP/CL/MP to meet to discuss timeframe. It was agreed the next School Forum meeting will be Tuesday 10 December 2019 and Tuesday 21 January 2020. This was agreed School Forum.		
03/19	DSG Monitoring QTR2 This report outlines the main pressure on the High Needs Block of the dedicated Schools Grant which is currently £2.6m forecast overspend and this has potential to rise. Areas of overspend are:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional support to children in mainstream settings- Independent out of authority placements continue to rise- High Need Block, post 16 / post 19 FE provisions, despite the budget being increased.- Additional alternative provision pressure due to numbers of exclusions- DSG reserves are likely to be exhausted by the end of the year, and are at high risk of falling into a deficit position. The report recommendations in 2.1/2.2 were noted by the School Forum.	 03 19.doc	
04/19	Dedicated Schools Grant 2020 21 This report provided an outline of the emerging DSG funding levels for 20/21. It should be noted that these funding levels are indicative at this stage and final actual allocations are due in December 2019. AP mentioned the provisional allocation for Derby is slightly better now than in this report. The government's announcement stated that national funding for schools and high needs will increase by 2 billion for 20/21, £4.8 billion for 21/22 and £7.1 billion for 22/23. Further details have not been issued as yet. AP mentioned in relation to point 5.2 Schools Block will be at local discretion. As Derby is set to gain considerably from the NFF in the Schools Blocks it could be assumed that our allocations will be towards the top end of the gainers. A 5% increase would result in a circa £8 million growth. Point 5.3 The High Needs Block is increasing nationally by an average of 11%. Allocations to individual LA's will rise by at least 8%	 04 19.doc	



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	with a maximum increase of 17%.		
05/19	High Needs Block and SEND AS presented the attached slides to Forum. There was a discussion around no engagement from Health/Social Care for SEND annual reviews. Headteachers shared concerns about post SEND Area Inspection WSOA in that whilst there has been high engagement at a strategic level from LA education/social care, this is lacking from Health. Headteachers are yet to see any engagement or delivery sessions directly from CCG or Deputy equivalent. Headteachers/school are still seeing this as a LA inspector rather than a SEND area inspection. AS confirmed that he would continue to work with the health sector to improve engagement.	AS	 Schools Forum SEND Inspection outcome

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 10 December 2019, **please note 4.30pm start – 7pm**, St Giles School, Hampshire Road, Derby