

## WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

### Voting and Actions of the EGM meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Microsoft Teams meeting 14:00 – 17:00 pm

#### SCHOOL FORUM MEMBERS

Alison Davies	The Avon Valley School (Maintained)
Amy Woodward	North Leamington School
Faye Padfield	Abbots Farm Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Fergus Durrant	Campion School (Academy Governor)
Jane Burrows	Myton School (Academy)
Jeremy Slater	Alcester Grammar School (Academy)
Joss Andrews	Dunchurch Schools' Federation (Maintained)
Kevin Griffiths	Coten End Primary School (Maintained Governor)
Larry Granelly	Shottery St. Andrew's C.Of E. Primary School (Maintained Governor)
Matthew Bown	St. Paul's Church of England Primary School (Maintained)
Michael Moran	Rugby High School (Academy Governor)
Nicci Burton (Vice Chair)	Atherstone and Bedworth Heath Nursery Schools (Maintained)
Nick Evans	Evergreen School (Special Schools Representative)
Paul Gillett	Teacher Union Representative
Philip Johnson (Chair)	Whitestone Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Rebecca Harrison	Park Hill Thorns Federation (Maintained)
Rose Gunn	Arden Forest Infant School (Maintained)
Sarah Bromley	PVI Representative
Sybil Hanson	Coventry Church of England Diocese Representative

#### OFFICERS/OBSERVERS

Andrew Felton	Assistant Director - Finance
Brian Smith	Education, Children and Families Technical Specialist
Chris Baird	Acting Assistant Director – Education Services
Councillor Jeff Morgan	Portfolio Holder – Education & Learning
Dalbir Kaur	Accountant – Finance Delivery
Darren Barrow	Lead Officer and Lead Commissioner –School Sustainability and Improvement
Emma Basden-Smith	Lead Commissioner – Children & Education
Neill Butler	School Funding & Strategy Manager (Clerk to Forum)
Purnima Sherwood	Service Manager for Finance
Ross Caws	Lead Commissioner – Strategy and Commissioning
Sophie Thompson	Lead Officer – School Improvement Network
Stephanie Phillips	Senior Accountant (Team Lead) - Children & Education

## 1. Apologies (Started 0:00, Ended 0:02)

### Apologies were received from the following members:

Angela Fox	Welcombe Hills School (Special Schools representative)
Antony Dix	Paddox Primary School (Maintained Governor)
Duane Chappell	Strategy & Commissioning Manager (SEND and Inclusion)
Ian Budd	Assistant Director – Education Services
Martin Davies	Telford Junior School (Maintained Governor)
Mary Anne Burrows	Mary Anne Burrows PVI Representative

### The following, members have left schools forum since the November 2021 meeting:

Adam Hardy	Catholic Church Archdiocese
Clive Sentence	Alcester Grammar School (Academy)
Craig Mckee	Budbrooke Primary School (Academy)

### All members attended or gave their apologies.

## 2. Voting and Actions from the Last Meeting (Phil Johnson) (Started 14:02, Ended 14:03)

To be Agreed

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:02:42 and ends at 00:02:43.

### Matters for Decision:

## 3. Improvement De-delegation 2022-23 (Sophie Thompson) (Started 14:03, Ended 14:18)

### Recommendations:

All Schools Forum members are asked to note:

- Note the DfE has consulted on removing the DfE School Improvement monitoring and brokering grant and to allow LA's to fund all their school improvement activity via de-delegation from school's budget shares.
- Representatives to note an increase in de-delegation may be required from 2023-24 if the DfE grant is fully removed.

All Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- Representatives from maintained schools to approve the de-delegation for School Improvement for 2022-23 budgets assuming the DfE grant reduces by 50% and 100% next year. It is for mainstream maintained schools only.

Voting: 9 members agreed

Actions: no actions

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:03:01 and ends at 00:18:47.

#### **4. Early Years National Funding Formula 2022-23 (Neill Butler) (Started 14:20, Ended 14:27)**

##### **Recommendations:**

All Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the universal base rate of £4.30 and the deprivation supplement rate of 8p per eligible child for 2022-23. Warwickshire retaining 5% for central services.

Voting: 15 members agree

- b) The Schools Forum asks the Early Years Working Group to meet early in the new financial year to discuss views in the early years ring fenced surplus.

Voting: 15 members agree

Actions: Early Years Working Group to set meeting in the new Financial year.

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:18:49 and ends at 00:26:20.

#### **5. Growth Fund 2022-23 (Emma Basden-Smith) (Started 14:28, Ended 14:43)**

##### **Recommendations:**

All Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) The recommendation is schools Forum to agree Growth Funding requirements of estimated at £2,328,141 (including recoupable amounts) for 2022-23.

The growth funding criteria outlined in this report require £1,914,141 to support pupil growth in schools and £414,000 is required to support the pre-opening and post opening of new LA presumption schools.

Voting: 15 members agree

Actions: Meeting with Emma and Bern outside this meeting to see what can come back to School Forum in any bulge classes in Secondary Schools.

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:26:23 and ends at 00:43:10.

#### **6. National Funding Formula 2022-23 (Neill Butler) (Started 14:44, Ended 14:50)**

##### **Recommendations:**

All Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) Schools Forum agree a consensus on its advice to Cabinet regarding the continuation of moving to the 'Hard' National Funding Formula in 2022-23.

Voting: 15 members agree

Actions: Neill to redistribute an amended Appendix 2

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:43:12 and ends at 00:50:16.

## **Matters for Information/Comment:**

### **7. DSG Monitoring Report 2021-22 (Brian Smith) (Started 14:51, Ended 15:04)**

#### **Recommendations:**

All Schools Forum members are asked to note:

- a) Note the DSG forecast financial outturn position for 2021/22, as at Period 8/Quarter 3.
- b) Note the forecasted position of each of the DSG Block reserves at financial outturn position for 2021/22

This "DSG Monitoring Report 2021-22" report is for information only.

The recording of the discussion starts at 00:50:24 and ends at 01:04:57.

### **8. Forward Plan (Neill Butler) (Started 15:05, Ended 15:07)**

All Schools Forum members are asked to note:

Now we have moved to four meeting a year rather than five.

The recording of the discussion starts at 01:04:57 and ends at 01:05:39.

### **9. Chairs Business (Phil Johnson) (Started 15:07, Ended 15:08)**

Very sad news that this is Neill's last meeting with us. He will be leaving the authority at the end of February after nearly twenty years. He has been invaluable. I would like to thank him for the support he has given, and we wish you all the best.

The recording of the discussion starts at 01:05:42 and ends at 01:08:24.

Note: All voting took place via Hands up function on teams.

**Meeting concludes** (at 15:09)

**Next Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 2:00pm to 5:00 pm**

If you would like to listen to the full meeting, please click [here](#)