

<p style="text-align: center;">THE SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS FORUM MINUTES OF THE MEETING 19th March 2015</p>

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1. **Attendance and Apologies**
See Annex A.
 2. **Declaration of Interests**
Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or other interests they might have that were greater than the interests of other members of the Forum in any matter on the agenda for discussion. There were none.
 3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 29th January 2015**
These were agreed as a true record.
 4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 29th January 2015**
 - a) Pupil Premium – Melissa Williamson reported that summary of arrangements and contacts had been prepared. It was also asked that detail, where known, be given about Pupil Premium funded summer schools and the K2S Website. Merril Haeusler said she would be doing a covering letter for this additional information. The Chair commented that some secondary schools had LAC from a number of different Local Authorities often giving conflicting information. It was also noted that this coming year will be the first for the Early Years Pupil Premium.
 5. **Early Years Single Funding Formula**
 - 5.1 This previously circulated report provided the Schools Forum with the outcome of the recent consultation on proposals to change the formula which had been previously discussed at earlier meetings.
 - 5.2 In summary there had been few responses, a total of 12, and they were in broad agreement with the changes proposed by Southwark but there appeared to be some confusion over the proposals regarding changes to aspects of the formula providing social deprivation funding.
 - 5.3 Paulette Bertram felt that the PVI providers did not fully understand the funding formula and how it is made up and that the difference in funding rates between the PVI providers and other providers was an essential part of the LA review..
 - 5.3 The responses were considered and the Schools Forum noted the work for changes in 2016 and agreed the change relating to the funding rate for provision in academies being on the same basis as that for LA maintained schools, backdated to April 2014.

6. Dedicated Schools Grant Growth Fund 2015-16 Update

- 6.1 The Local Authority had circulated earlier a report providing members with and update on the use of the Growth Fund in 2014-15 and the latest proposals for 2015-16.
- 6.2 It was noted that some proposals were classified as temporary and others permanent – the LA explained that often with temporary expansions it is a single year group that then works its way through the school. With permanent, the planned admissions number is changed.
- 6.3 It was agreed that the LA provides a Place Planning Paper for discussion at the Heads Executive and that it appears that the population statistics do not always suggest continual growth.
- 6.4 It was also noted that the government's strategy of agreeing to the opening of more secondary schools does not take account of the surplus places in existing schools.

The report was noted.

7. Dedicated Schools Grant 2015-16

- 7.1 The Schools Forum noted that the LA had submitted to the Education Funding Agency the required funding pro-forma and it complied with the EFA Finance regulations.

8. Family Matters

- 8.1 The Director reminded the Schools Forum that they had agreed, in principle, to set aside £500k of the 2015-16 DSG to support the LA's strategy around Family Matters – whereby early support/intervention is provided by the LA to children.
- 8.2 The support being looked at includes support with behaviour, mental health in secondary aged pupils, school counselling support. No decision has been made as it still requires further discussion with schools.
- 8.3 A firm proposal was still being worked up for the Schools Forum to agree or not. The Director confirmed that this was for new provision not to fund existing, but enhance what was already on offer. Following further questions the Director confirmed that it would, if possible, be for the age range 0 to 19, available to PVI's and Children Centres and hopefully look SEN support for 3 to 4 year olds.

The Schools Forum looks forward to receiving details of the proposals for them to consider.

9. Dates for Next Meeting

14th May 2015 – cancelled 9th July 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Annex A**SCHOOLS FORUM ATTENDANCE SHEET****19th March 2015****VOTING MEMBERS**

NAME	CONSTITUENCY	PRESENT
Sarah Alexander	Primary School Headteacher	Yes
Craig Voller	Primary School Headteacher	Apologies
Keith Fox	Primary School Headteacher	Apologies
Gregory Doey	Primary School Headteacher	Yes
Elaine Garlick	Primary School Governor	Apologies
Omolayo Sokoya	Primary School Governor	Yes
Rebecca Sherwood	Nursery School Headteacher	Yes
Simon Eccles	Special School Headteacher	Yes
Paulette Bertram	Early Years – Private/Voluntary and Independent Settings	Yes
Steve Morrison	Academy	Apologies
Mickey Kelly	Academy	Apologies
Mike Antoniou	Academy	Apologies
Yomi Adewoye	Pupil Referral Units	Apologies
Sister Anne-Marie Niblock	Secondary School Headteacher	Yes
Vacant	FE SEN	
Catherine May	Diocese Board	Apologies
Betty Joseph substitute Michael Davern	Trade Unions	Apologies

Senior Officers in Attendance

Melissa Williamson	Yes
Merril Haeusler	Yes
Jim Eshelby	Apologies
Pauline Armour	Apologies
David Cross	Clerk
Kerry Crichlow	Apologies