

MINUTES OF THE HARINGEY SCHOOLS FORUM – SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017

Schools Members:

Headteachers:

Special (1)

Nursery Schools (1)

Primary (7)

Martin Doyle (Riverside)

(A)Peter Caitling (Woodlands Park)

Adrian Hall (Rhodes Avenue)

Dawn Ferdinand, (The Willow)

*Julie D'Abreu (Devonshire Hill)

*Will Wawn (Bounds Green)

*Andy Webster (Parkview)

*Sharon Easton (St Paul's and All Hallows)

*Elma McElligott (Woodside)

Kaz Birk (Octagon AP Academy)

*Cal Shaw (Stroud Green)

*Fran Hargrove (St Mary's CE)

*Emma Murray (Seven Sisters)

*Tony Hartney (Gladesmore)

*Michael McKenzie (Alexandra Park)

Secondary (2)

Primary Academy (1)

Secondary Academies (2)

Alternative Provision

Governors:

Special (1)

Nursery Schools (1)

Primary (7)

*Jean Brown (The Vale)

*Melian Mansfield (Pembury)

Vacancy

John Keever (Seven Sisters)

*Laura Butterfield (Coldfall)

*Zena Brabazon (Seven Sisters)

*Johanna Hinshelwood (Hornsey Girls)

Natasha Lewis (St Ann's)

Vacancy@ 2

*Andreas Adamides (Stamford Hill)

Michael Cunningham (Muswell Hill)

*Lorna Walker (Rokesly Infants)

Vacancy@ 2

Secondary (3)

Primary Academy (1)

Secondary Academies (2)

Non-School Members: -

Non-Executive Councillor

Professional Association Representative

Trade Union Representative

14-19 Partnership

Early Years Providers

Faith Schools

Pupil Referral Unit

*Cllr Ann Waters

Ed Harlow

Pat Forward

(A)Russ Lawrence

(A)Susan Tudor-Hart

Geraldine Gallagher

(A)Clare Macdonald

Observers: -

Cabinet Member for CYPS

*Cllr Elin Weston

Also attending:

LBH Interim Director of Children's Services

LBH Joint Assistant Director, Schools and Learning

LBH Assistant Director, Quality Assurance, Early Help & Prevention

LBH Assistant Director, Commissioning

LBH Joint Assistant Director, Schools and Learning

LBH Senior Business Partner

LBH Finance Business Partner (Schools and Learning)

LBH Head of SEN and Disability

LBH Head of Early Help Commissioning and Culture

LBH Governance Services Manager

Haringey Clerk (minutes)

*Margaret Dennison

*James Page

*Gill Gibson

Charlotte Pomery

*Eveleen Riordan

Paul Durrant

*Yoke O'Brien

Vikki Monk –Myer

Ngozi Anuforo

*Carolyn Banks

*Saru Balakrishnan

* Members present

A Apologies given

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MINUTE No.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	CHAIR'S WELCOME	
1.1	The Chair welcomed all members and attendees to the meeting.	
2.	APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS	
2.1	Apologies were received in advance from Susan Tudor-Hart, Russ Lawrence, Peter Catling and Claire MacDonald.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3.1	None.	
4.	SCHOOLS FUNDING – NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA, SCHOOLS BLOCK, HIGH NEEDS BLOCK AND CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK	
4.1	<p>Yoke O'Brien, Finance Business Partner (Schools and Learning) presented the report, which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting and noted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new formula has been introduced by the DfE which introduces a fourth block, the Central School Services Block, which will fund Local Authorities for their statutory duties for schools. • A new National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools, High Needs and Central Services School Block will be introduced from April 2018. • The DfE has calculated a national figure for each school, with an additional sum for schools and high needs across the next two years to support the introduction of the new NFF. • There are 10 options available and Haringey is proposing consideration of four options, which were considered and proposed by the Schools Forum Funding Review Group. • The purpose of this meeting is to ask the Schools Forum to endorse Haringey to go to consultation with all Haringey schools and academies from 15 November to 29 November to determine which of the four proposed options is preferred by the majority of Haringey schools to run the 2018-19 Schools Funding Formula. • Option 1 – Pure National Funding Formula Values with £1.1m deducted for Growth Fund and 0% MFG; • Option 2 – Money stays intact in the Schools block with £1.1m deducted for Growth Fund and +0.47% MFG; • Option 3 - Money going to the High Needs Block with a top slice of 0.25% moved from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block with £1.1m deducted for Growth Fund and +0.21% MFG; • Option 4 – Existing Schools Funding Formula with 0.5% transferred out of Schools Block to High Needs Block with £1.1m deducted for Growth Fund and -0.12% MFG. <p>The Chair advised Members that a Working Group of the Schools Forum has worked on the figures and that their recommendation is for Option 3 in terms of pressure on HNB and, over time, on the Early Years Block (EYB).</p> <p>YOB will report back on the outcome of the consultation at the Schools Forum Meeting to be held on 7 December 2017.</p> <p>The Chair asked members if they had any questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members asked if the whole paper will go out. No, the consultation paper is mainly a table with the Options given. • Members asked what explanation will be given of the four options A consultation letter given full information will accompany the paper. • Members asked for detail to be put into the consultation letter and for a sentence to be included about the pressure on the HNB. <p>ACTION - Vicki Monk-Myer to look at the consultation letter before it goes out and ensure that the rationale is put in there.</p>	YOB

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	<p>It is recommended that Schools Forum agree to the Council going to consultation with Option 3 as the recommended option.</p> <p>Members agreed this recommendation.</p> <p>The Schools Forum are asked to note the planned expenditure for 2018/19.</p> <p>James Page, Joint Assistant Director, Schools and Learning, advised Members that the Central Services Block is a new block which didn't exist previously and which has been built from centrally retained funding. The starting point is £3.14m, which has gone down by £80k, 2%, due to the DfE formula. The maximum that can be lost this year and next year is £80k. The decision is simple as the proposal is to retain activity in all areas bar one. The only change is money going to School Standards which was £484k and the suggestion is to take £80k out of this bringing it down to £404k.</p> <p>HEP will take over School Standards from September 2018 meaning there will be a gap from April 2018 to September 2018 and the funding would be used to cover this gap.</p> <p>The Chair asked members if they had any questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members asked if all the figures are the same. Yes. Members asked if any discussion will be had as to whether any figures should change and should schools be discussing this. Yes, the decision will be made in December 2017. A Member asked if the £404k is to cover 5/12 for restructuring. Yes. Members asked with regard to the table, there are no support costs and nothing about protecting services such as Performing Arts and Music. The DfE guidance states that amounts that are already set cannot be increased. <p>ACTION JP to send something to Members about operating costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members asked if something about the Schools Forum decision can be included under each line. There is no need to go to formal consultation, the requirement is to discuss. <p>It was noted that the paper hasn't touched on elevated funding and that this would have to be requested separately.</p> <p>The impact on Education Welfare, which would have to be restructured which in turn would impact on their ability to trade with schools, was noted.</p> <p>There were no further questions or comments from Members.</p>	JP VM-M
5.	HARINGEY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP	
5.1	<p>James Page advised that the HEP is a Trading Partnership and thanked Members for their input.</p> <p>The paper, agreed at Schools Forum, will be taken to Cabinet after this meeting for a decision.</p> <p>The Schools Improvement Company will be not for profit and limited by guarantee. Schools will be able to buy in and it will be run by them along with the Council as Members. The Council will be providing support for HEP which will be incorporated as a separate company in January 2018 and commence operating in September 2018.</p> <p>The Council are providing £600k to start up the company and will contract with HEP for three years. The SI grant will be transferred to HEP to pay for statutory functions.</p> <p>The Council will maintain current standards this academic year.</p>	

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	Margaret Dennison, Interim Director of Children's Services noted that this is a fantastic opportunity and gave thanks to all who have given their time, a fantastic example of working together.	
6.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6.1	Member <i>asked</i> if a report can be provided at the next meeting on what is happening at PDC. Councilor Elin Weston advised that this was part of a paper that went to Cabinet a while ago.	ER
7.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 December 2017 • 17 January 2018 (change of date) • 22 February 2018 • 17 May 2018 • 12 July 2018 	

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 5.05pm.

Signed (Chair).....Date.....