

West Northamptonshire Schools Forum

A meeting of the West Northamptonshire Schools Forum will be held at the Council Chamber, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 2.00pm

Agenda

1.	Apologies for absence and Forum Membership Changes
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Election of Chair for 2023-24
4.	Election of Vice-Chair for 2023-24
5.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 18) a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023. b) To confirm the notes of the informal discussion on 4 July 2023.
6.	DSG Monitoring 2023-24 (Pages 19 - 24) Emily Cooledge
7.	DfE / ESFA Funding Announcements (Pages 25 - 32) Emily Cooledge / Beth Baines
8.	Schools Funding 2024-25 - consultation proposals (Pages 33 - 72) For Schools Forum to consider and comment on proposals for consultation. Emily Cooledge / Beth Baines

a)	Schools Funding Formula and Specialist Services
b)	Notional SEND element of funding formula
c)	Split Site Funding Policy
d)	Growth Fund and weighted numbers for new schools / year groups
e)	Central Schools Services budgets 2024-25
f)	Maintained Schools De-delegations (School Improvement Grant, Trade Union Facility Time, Redundancy Support)
9.	Northampton Schools Group PFI Update (Pages 73 - 84) Simon Bowers
10.	High Needs Project Update (Pages 85 - 96) Andy Pymm
11.	West Northamptonshire Council scrutiny review of child and adolescent mental health and the risk of self-harm [verbal item] To consider a response to the recommendation made by the scrutiny review that the WNC Cabinet agrees to seek a discussion with West Northamptonshire schools through the Schools Forum about system-wide resources to support children and young people's mental health. Ben Pearson
12.	Schools Forum meeting arrangements - responses to survey (Pages 97 - 108) To consider the responses to a survey of Schools Forum members and possible resulting actions. James Edmunds
13.	Forward Plan Standing items (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG Monitoring • DfE / ESFA Funding announcements • School Budgets • High Needs • Early Years • National Funding Formula 13 December 2023 Schools Funding 2024-25 - outcome of consultation and final proposals – votes required on individual items. Early Years Central Expenditure 2024-25 – consultation proposals

14 February 2024 (subject to Schools Forum agreeing to change the date from 6 February 2024)

Early Years Budget 2024-25 – outcome of consultation and consideration of final proposals, including vote on central expenditure.

WNC Budget Proposals 2024-25

Schools Forum meeting dates 2024-25

14. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
11 October 2023

West Northamptonshire Schools Forum Members:

Beccy Merritt

Paul Wheeler

Dan York

Lee Hughes

Jon Lake

Iain Massey

Hayley Walker

Eliza Hollis

Peter French

James Shryane

Vanessa Bradley

Rachel Martin

Karen Lewis

Jenny Thorpe

Rod Warsap

Information about this Agenda

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