# MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

**Wednesday March 2019 at 8.30am**

**BETHNAL GREEN CENTRE, 229 Bethnal GREEN ROAD, E2 6AB**

**AGENDA**

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|  | Apologies for absence Sheila Mouna  | Action  |
|  | Minutes of the meeting on 16 January 2019 and matters arisingPage 8 Enrichment programme Historical commitments Significant pressure in the HNB Bring back to forum clearer strategy Summer term outturn statement Set the budget for 19/20 - CM – line by line work taking place. behaviour support/ SEND/HNB/ SLS/ SEMH / FAP review Review in every single area – SW Contingency Page 9 – on the agenda to discuss CM – detailed report to be shared o Behaviour Minutes approved  | Autumn term – present historical budgets and commitments  |
|  | Scheme for Financing SchoolsDfE produce a model scheme Loan arrangements – significant change – for license deficit. Still have access to additional cash – if a school has cash-flow. What happens to existing loans – covert to cash advance. Reasons – deficit to stay with the LA.Need to consult with all Governing Bodies.Feeding back the proposals to the SF at the next meeting. The loan term would be for 3 years going forward.  |   |
|  | Falling Roll FundRevised methodology MF - issue is at higher up in the school. Strategic changes. Are they in the scope for PRAG – bit of an overlap. Over an year to make changes. £15.8 – this is high amount. Forum’s decision to what happens to the overspend. Direct recoup – Damon – LA – advocate. Outturn transparent / Support SW on that. Chair – We need agreed to FRF – didn’t understand the wider implications. Should be sit on it. SF have a view – whether a repeat.GW – live with it BC – look at meetings Action: timing of the meetings. want to make a decision and best interest. Consensus:Agree FRF – CM – Optimistic thinking there will be underspend. because of the situation. Different position next year. JB – problem – primary level / secondary. CM process around PP strengthened. Better manage fluctuation Funding – maximum of three years. Modelling around – full numbers. In-year churn higher. SW to look at modelling – review the percentages. Cannot go back Remodel  | Steve Worth  |
|  | High Needs Consultation SEN in Crisis nationally.Proposal – promoting a discussion.This proposal will hit others more than others. Discourage schools taking children with SEN.MF Hidden costs – EHCP/ high banding / provision. EP service pay more for less. AP – keep slightly separate. JB – placement reduction. AP – negative on bucking that trend. Planning 19/20 – significant cuts. AP is expensive. Outcomes – better. LEAP – NEET figures MR welcome 2.6Can we look at what other LAs are doing. Cut will hit – staffing reduction. Not ready for september. CM different approach – pre consultation phase. Interactive sessions 10 sessions over a month. Give us time for the process. Further 3.5% cut.Consult on it and view with implementation next financial year and more equitable allocation. MF – volunteered for consultation help facilitate. – doesn’t apply to all families. DJ – huge pressure – increase transparency / historical anomalies. Need to be sophiscated – learn from other consultation. SLS – outcomes and possible restructuring process. Posts are secure for another year. AP – invited to visit the AP.  | Christine McInnes  |
|  | Any other BusinessSchool cuts Parliamentary votes Running up to the comprehensive spending review. Look at meeting with the mayor and Danny – to keep it on the agenda locally.F40 – wider – need more money.Secondary heads – funding Work plan – circulate to SF.Jill – We will send  |  |
|  | * Next meeting 8.30am, 28 April 2019 at the PDC, Bethnal Green
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