# 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 arising  Page 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 Schools  DfE 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 Fund  Revised 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 2.6  Can 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 Business  School 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 |  |