



Schools Forum

Date: 28 September 2017

Time: 8.30 am

Venue: STDC, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury

Item/Paper

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NOTES OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present

School Forum Members

- Bill Dowell (Chair)
- Phil Adams – Academy Headteacher
- John Eglin – Primary Headteacher
- Geoff Renwick – Academy Headteacher
- John Hitchings – SSGC
- Sandra Holloway – Primary Governor
- Marilyn Hunt – Primary Headteacher
- Shelly Hurdley – Early Years Representative
- Pete Johnstone – Secondary Headteacher
- Alan Parkhurst – Primary Headteacher
- Jean Evanson – Association of Secretaries
- Mark Rogers – Primary Headteacher

Members

Cllr Clare Aspinall

Officers

Gwyneth Evans
 Chris Mathews
 Jo Jones

Stephen Waters
 Gareth Proffitt
 Phil Wilson

Observers

Roger Evans
 Hannah Fraser

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Michael Barratt, Geoff Pettengell, Helen Woodbridge and Nick Bardsley.

2. National Funding Formula

Phil Wilson went through Paper A detailing the headlines from the Department of Education’s latest documents, highlighting the notional allocation for 2018-19 and illustrative allocation for 2019-20 and the impact on Shropshire illustrated in Appendices B, C and D.

PW explained that the recommendation from officers is to move to the full implementation of the NFF from April 2018 and not use local funding formula. PW explained there is little merit in seeking to apply the local formula which may benefit a particular group of schools but impact negatively on the budget shares for other schools.

3. Gwyneth Evans talked through the impact of alternative options for distributing funding through the current local funding formula.

GE explained we could use the extra funding and put it through the AWPU or we could use it to increase the lump sum figure in all schools. The main limitation of these approaches is the challenge of delivering the minimum 0.5% uplift per pupil

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funding increases that the NFF delivers. The options would result in there being winners and losers in funding terms when compared to 2017-18 funding levels.

Recommendation – Schools Forum members unanimously voted to recommend to Shropshire schools the distribution of funding in 2018-19 and 2019-20 in line with the transitional National Funding Formula.

Future meetings (please diary):

15 November 2017	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor
7 December 2017	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor
18 January 2018	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor
1 February 2018 (provisional)	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor
22 March 2018	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor
7 June 2018	08.30	STDC, Monkmoor