

Schools Forum Meeting
1.30 pm on Tuesday 26th November 2013
At The Pennington Room, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan,
WN3 5BA

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Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence -**
- 2. Items for inclusion under AOB**
- 3. Minutes :**
- A. Meeting of the Schools Forum held on 3rd October 2013:** enclosed.
 - i. To confirm as a correct record

ii Matters Arising

Early Retirement/Redundancy Costs (Minute 8 refers)

To report that:

Through the new funding formula there cannot be any new commitments or increases to centrally funded termination of employment costs (this means that no new redundancy costs can be charged to the central schools budget). Given that in 2012/13 we had no existing centrally held provision for this we cannot now set aside a provision as centrally retained expenditure within the new funding formula.

As detailed in the Revision to Scheme for Financing Schools Report presented to Schools Forum on the 03/10/2013, section 37 of the Education Act 2002 states that the default position is that premature retirement costs must be charged to the school's delegated budget, whilst redundancy costs must be charged to the local authority's budget. However as detailed in the previous report there are situations in which exceptions to the default position might be taken.

B. Meeting of the Schools Forum Primary Schools' Representatives on 17th October 2013 – submitted for information.

- 4. Schools Funding Formula (SFF) 2014-15 - Update following the return of the Draft Pro-forma:** To report the decision of the Cabinet on the recommended SFF 2014-15. Report enclosed.
- 5. Review of School Cash Advances Policy:** Report enclosed.
- 6. Primary School Representation on the Schools Forum:**

To report under the present constitution there is provision for one academy school representative on the Forum (that being Mr R. Halford, Hawkley Hall High School) however following a change of status at her school one of the current primary school

representatives (Sue Darbyshire, Headteacher at Platt Bridge Community School) is the Headteacher of an academy. Members are asked how they wish to proceed in respect of primary representation.

Also to report that Mrs M. Kearsley (former Headteacher St Mary and St John RC Primary Wigan) has now left the Authority and therefore there is a vacancy for a primary school representative. The Forum is asked to agree that the vacancy be filled in accordance with the usual practice for appointment of primary school representatives.

7. AOB

8. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 1.30 p.m. at Progress House, Westwood, Wigan