

4. Membership

5. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting and Report back on Issues Raised with Cabinet

To consider any matters arising from the last meeting where not otherwise covered on this agenda and to report on items considered at the Cabinet.

A: SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.10am

6. Head of Education & Learning Service Update

Head of Education & Learning to report.

10.30am

7. Finance Update

(a) Report of the County Treasurer (DEF/14/15), attached (Page 9).

(b) To note School and Early Years Finance England Regulations 2014 proposed changes expected to come into force Jan 2015, apply 2015/16:-

“2.2 Regulation 3 makes amendments to the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012. The principal changes to membership of the forum are:

*That if there are any **special academies** in the local authority’s area, there must be at least one member representing them;*

*That if there are any **alternative provision (AP) academies** in the local authority’s area, there must be at least one member representing them.*

The purpose of these changes is to strengthen the representation on the forum of special provision and AP respectively.

In addition, more specificity is added to the provisions for the forum to discuss SEN and AP matters. In both cases, the forum must discuss places to be commissioned by the local authority – and in the case of AP also by schools – and the arrangements for paying top-up funding. The purpose of these changes is to ensure that the forum discusses the detail of local SEN and AP arrangements.”

ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION

10.55am

8. Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) - Implementation and Progress of New Code of Practice, Single Assessment and Arrangements in DCC

Report of the Head of Education & Learning (DEF/14/16) **to follow**.

11.15am

9. Education Outcomes - Children in Care

Report of the Head of Education & Learning (DEF/14/17), attached (Page 35).

11.30am

10. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Working Practice (Arrangements and Indemnity) Agreement (For sharing information on children and families within the Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH))

Recommendation that the Chairman be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Forum, the MASH Working Practice Agreement, which recognises the good practice guidance in the Code of Practice for Sharing Children and Young People’s Information [available on the Devon County Council website], noting that the County Council’s Indemnity for Members and Officers will apply (DCC Constitution Part 6).

A copy of the agreement is attached for information (Page 43).

B: STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION

11.35am

11. Standing (and other) Groups

(a) To review action for the Forum from its groups and to receive minutes:-

(i) School Finance Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2014, attached (Page 68).

Also available at

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/schoolsforum/schoolsfundinggroup.htm>

(ii) Schools Organisation, Capital and Admissions Forum

(replacing Schools Organisation and Policy Forum and the Local Admissions Forum)

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014, attached (Page 75).

Also available at

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/schoolsforum/soca.htm>

(b) Representations and progress from various standing and task & finish groups

Nil.

(c) Minutes for information

14-19 Strategic Leadership Group

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12. Correspondence

13. Dates of Future Meetings

Calendared meetings - Meetings to commence at 10am at County Hall, Exeter (unless otherwise indicated)

Wed 21 January 2015

Wed 18 March 2015

Wed 24 June 2015

Wed 21 Oct 2015

Mon 18 Jan 2016.

11.45am C L O S E

VOTING (see below)

FAILED AMENDMENTS AND VOTING FIGURES MAY BE RECORDED WHERE REQUESTED BY AN ASSOCIATION OR SINGLE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (for contentious issues)

Voting Representatives are Schools, Academies and Non-Schools Members, excepting 2012 Schools Forums Regulations restrict the voting arrangements by only allowing Schools and Academy members and the PVI private, voluntary and independent sector early years to vote on the funding formula. Additionally for de-delegation matters only the relevant maintained schools members may vote.

Coloured voting cards for restricted voting:-
Schools members (maintained) primary - gold
Schools members (maintained) secondary - beige
Academies – blue
Special, Nursery, PRU – pink
PVI - orange

FORMAL OBSERVERS, ATTENDEES AND ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBER ATTENDING IN ADDITION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FULL MEMBER ARE EXEMPT FROM VOTING

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The proceedings of this meeting may be recorded for broadcasting on the schools forum website

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