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DEVON EDUCATION FORUM

Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022

A meeting of the Devon Education Forum is to be held on the above date at 10.00 am at Committee Suite - County Hall* to consider the following matters.

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Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for absence (and Welcome New Members)

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

4 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting and Report back on Issues Raised with Cabinet/f40

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.

5 Membership

6 Head of Education & Learning Update (including White Paper) (Pages 9 - 12)
1010

Report of the Chief Officer for Children's Services (DEF/22/09), attached.

7 Babcock In-Housing Update
1030

Chief Officer for Children's Services to report.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR DECISION

8 Finance Update (Pages 13 - 26)
1050

(a) Schools' Finance Group (including DEF minute 41, Health and Social Care Levy Payments)

Minutes of the Schools Finance Group (SFG), 6 June 2022, attached.

In relation to DEF minute 41, Health and Social Care Levy Payments, SFG minute 5, **Recommendation:-**

(i) that Funding mechanism for High Needs providers (AP and special schools) to be aligned; and

(ii) that Uplift for 2022-23 to be considered of 2.75% to top up rates in addition to a lump sum payment given for the supplementary 1% levy based on the top up value for Devon Wave AP provision as well as special schools.

SFG minutes also available at

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/devon-education-forum/schools-finance-group>

(b) Finance Update Report of Chief Officer for Children's Services and Director of Finance (DEF/22/08) attached.

9 High Needs Funding Sub Group - Revised Terms of Reference (DEF Minute 41(b)) (Pages 27 - 30)

1120

Revised draft Terms of Reference received from the Group attached (amended Membership section) - for consideration.

At the last DEF meeting clarification of membership was requested (minute 41(b), 16 March 2022), summary extract below:-

“...It was proposed that:-

-this group would be needed on an ongoing basis to support the work required to deliver the DfE safety valve intervention programme and Devon’s DSG Management Plan;

-it would report direct to DEF, sitting alongside (not under) the Schools Finance Group;

-as delegated powers were not in accordance with the Schools Forums guide/regulations, any decisions requiring DEF approval could use DEF urgency procedures where DEF’s calendar of meetings did not fit timeframes. Routine progress updates would be presented to each DEF meeting;

-that group membership be kept as small as practicable but representative (e.g. no larger than the Schools Finance Group), to include Early Years and Post 16);

-initially it was anticipated the group could need to meet twice monthly, before settling into a less frequent pattern. Given this demand on group members, named substitutes or a representative small pool of members to be called upon to ensure continuity, expertise and consistency of decision making should be considered.

DECISION:

(a) that a dedicated permanent High Needs funding sub group be established, reporting direct to DEF; and

(b) that the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix One be approved, subject to the clarification of membership (and noting all as discussed above).”

ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION

10 SEND 100 Project Update (DEF Minute 37(b))

1135

Director of Finance and the Chair of the SEND 100 Steering Group to report on:-

(a) DEF minute 37(b), 16 March 2022 resolution:-

“(b) that the SEND 100 Steering Group (at their meeting on 31 March 2022) examine the detail of the above proposals and make a recommendation to DEF about the extension of the current arrangement to 1 August 2022 and the move to business-as-usual provision under the DSG Management Plan proposals thereafter.”

(b) Devon School Leadership Services (DSLS) has also requested that the Forum consider the SEND 100 Project - Progress Update and Forward Plan to include:-

-Progress findings on SEND 100 Project Strands - impact v objectives;

-Financial analysis of expenditure against total funding of £1,644k as at 1/4/21 and recommendations for any project surplus for DEF to consider/sign off;

-Forward plan for project on transition to DCC wef 1/8/22 to include arrangements for seconded Project Lead post due to end 31/3/23;

-Agreement by DEF to close project and transfer to high needs funding group for monitoring from September.

11 DEF Proportionality (to September 2022) and Elections

1155

To note that further to consultation in reviewing Proportionality (pupil census data projected to September 2022), no change in the current Forum Membership is proposed, noting elections to be held during the summer term 2022.

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION

- 12 Standing (and other) Groups (Pages 31 - 36)
1200

To review action and receive minutes for the Forum from its standing groups and to receive summary/minutes from other groups (Schools Finance Group at item 8 above):-

(a) Standing Group - School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2022, attached

Also available at

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/devon-education-forum/school-organisation-capital-and-admissions-group-soca>

(b) Other Groups

n/a.

- 13 Correspondence

- 14 Future Meetings - Dates and Arrangements

Meetings held at 10am, please check venue/arrangements on link

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Wednesday 22 March 2023.

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