

Durham County Council Schools Forum Meeting, 22 September 2021, Item No 5, Executive Summary

Report of Jeff Garfoot, Head of Corporate Finance and Commercial Services

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide a summary of the matters to be discussed at this meeting of the Forum and the recommendations included in the reports.

Voting

- 2 Unless otherwise stated, all members are entitled to vote.
- 3 Members have colour-coded name cards to identify different categories of members and these will be referenced in reports to make clear who is allowed to vote on which items:
 - Primary members (headteachers or governors) = Red Voting Cards
 - Secondary members (headteachers or governors) = Blue Voting Cards
 - Other school members (nursery, special, PRU) = Orange Voting Cards
 - Academy members (inc special academy member) = Green Voting cards
 - PVI members = Lilac Voting Cards
 - Other non-school members = Yellow Voting Cards

Background

- 4 This report has been prepared in accordance with recommended practice in the ESFA guidance on Schools Forums and is a standard item on all Agendas.

Item No 1 – Election of chair and vice-chair

- 5 To elect a new chair and vice-chair; the former chair is now retired and no longer a member of the Forum and the vice-chair is vacant. The term of office for both is two years.

Item No 6 - Forum Membership

- 6 To provide an overview of changes to the membership of the Forum and to present to members an updated schedule of Schools Forum members.

Item No 8 - HNB funding and SEND and Inclusion Update

- 7 To provide an update on the latest forecast financial position for the HNB, to update the five-year plan, and to provide an update on specific HNB sustainability work that is taking place.

Item no 8 – Mainstream Primary and Secondary Formula Funding 2022-23

- 8 To update members about Government announcements about mainstream primary and secondary formula funding for the coming financial year and the council's approach to setting the local formula.
- 9 The report sets out information about changes to sparsity funding and also about a consultation on making progress towards replacing local formulas with the National Funding Formula.

Item No 9 – Other Updates

- 10 A verbal update on other relevant issues for schools.

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