

School Forum
Tuesday 6 December 2016
5pm – 7pm
Sir Henry Royce, first floor, CH

Present:	Sue Arguile, Union rep Ash Venkatesh, Secondary Head Pauline Anderson, DCC – Rep on behalf of Iain Peel Kevin Gaiderman, Academy Head, Secondary Alan Brady, Academy Head, Secondary Angle O'Brien, Academy Head, Primary David Hall, Primary Head Jason Coupland, Primary Governor Maria Fowkes, Primary Head Alison Parkin, DCC Janet Bowlzer, DCC Hazel Lymbery and Fiona Colton (to present Item 4 on the agenda)		
Apologies:	Debbie Gerring Iain Peel		
		Who	When
1	Selection of Chair and Vice Chair It was proposed Ash Venkatesh will continue to be Chair of the School Forum, seconded by Alan Brady. Vice Chair Jason Coupland proposed, seconded by David Hall. The meeting was quorate.		
2	Minutes/matters arising These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. No matters arising.		
3	Introduction to the Forum and Governance arrangements AP explained the forum has a 2 year term for members, and provided an overview of the Forum's roles and responsibilities via a powerpoint presentation (attached). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum to look at training and development needs • Poss workplan deep dives for example DSG, to be 		



	<p>issued with the minutes, maybe a dedicated area on the website and copy of governance issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at points of reference. • Agenda will be issued two weeks before the School Forum meetings, so Forum members can discuss issues with staff before the meeting • Papers will be issued on the website and in the school circular • Dates have been set, where possible, timely after secondary heads meetings. • There will be no travel expenses or reimbursements to members • Training and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to build on existing knowledge and expertise, consider ways to develop - Workplans/workstreams - Self assessment tool - Deep dives, half day sessions, or at the beginning or the end of the SF meetings? - SEN Review, exclusive reviews on DfE website, AP to send with minutes - Maybe separate section on website for technical notes? 	AP	
4	<p>Early Help in Derby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This to be reconfigured to align closely to schools, use of best practice both nationally and internationally, interest required at the earliest point to support families • Current practice 85% prominent case work • Low re-referral • Clusters of individuals, look at needs to make best fit, help with cohort of young people (eg exams) • Next steps – for forum to consider an take decisions on the continued use of historic commitments to retain early help funding, forum agreed to this • Opportunity funding fits into this, formal board has been set up and rapid progress is being made to drive this forward, Chair and lead officer to be identified very early in the New Year. 		
5	<p>Schools Funding Update and the Education Services Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ESG will cease at the end of August resulting in £600 million saving to the Treasury. The report detailing the impact on the loss of funding and a 		



	<p>proposal to Schools Forum regarding the continued financing of the retained duties element.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to note the content of the report and to approve the retention of £610,000 from the Schools block for the prior retained duties element of the Education services Grant. • LA will continue to top slice, to support statutory services as in the appendices • School forum members agreed and approve the retention of £610,000 from the School Block for the prior retained duties element of the Education services grant for one year initially. All members voted unanimously. 		
6	<p>Early Years Funding update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation closed on 22 Sept 2016, LA still awaiting outcome of the consultation, this report is to outline to Schools Forum the possible impact of the proposed changes. • Derby will have significant funding shortfalls if the rates to pay providers are determined nationally as Derby has a relative high number of maintained nursery schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National funding formula will not provide enough funding to maintain current higher level of funding - If Derby continues to funding the higher costs there will be a budget pressure passporting the funding through to the PVI sector. • Next steps the consultation results were expected before Christmas but this has not happened. • School Forum to make decisions re: providers at the next meeting when feedback from the consultation has been released. 		
7	<p>De-delegation of Schools Block Funding</p> <p>DfE introduced the requirement that the funding that was centrally retained in 2012/13 that will fall within the Schools Block in 2013/14 should be delegated to all schools. There are three exceptions to this:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 – where maintained schools agree that a service should be provided centrally - 2 – historic commitments - 3 – statutory functions of the LA • School Forum decision to be made at February's 		



	meeting, after talking to colleagues and AP will contact Service Managers to help.	All/AP	
8	High Needs Places <ul style="list-style-type: none">This report has been deferred until next meeting as the consultation with special schools is still in progress.		

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 9 February 2017, 5pm , Joseph Wright, CH