

## SCHOOLS FORUM

**Minutes of Additional Meeting held on  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Room 0012, Badminton Road Offices, Yate, BS37 5AF**

### **PRESENT:**

Dave Baker (Chair)	CEO, Olympus Academy Trust
Nicky Edwards	Natural Choice Nurseries
Mark Freeman	Headteacher, St Michael's Primary School
Kim Garland	Headteacher, Brimsham Green
Louise Leader	Headteacher, Pathways Learning Centre
Jim Lott	Governor, The Tynings
Pippa Osborne	Headteacher, Christ Church Junior School
Diane Owen	Chair, Kings Oak Academy
Susie Weaver	Executive Principal, Cabot Learning Federation

### **APOLOGIES:**

Keith Lawrence	Chair
Hilary Smith	Head of Education, Learning & Skills

### **Officers:**

Mustafa Salih, Head of Financial Management and Business Support  
Duane Chappell, Strategic Lead 0-25  
Caroline Warren, Finance Business Partner – CAH Children  
Management Accounts  
Stuart Thomas, SEND Financial Planning Lead

1. At the previous Schools Forum meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019, a request was made for an additional meeting to be held following the High Needs Working Group meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019. At the HNWG meeting, members were discussing the 3 different options in the Deficit Recovery Plan.
2. Mustafa Salih explained how the Local Authority (LA) like other LA's in deficit would need to submit this Deficit Recovery Plan yearly to the DfE. This plan would need to be signed off by the Director of Finance and would preferably need the approval of the Schools Forum.
3. A consultation process will take place with schools and the public before the political decision making in February 2020.
4. Each member was then asked for their views on the following Options:
  - Option 1: The transfer of £700K from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block and would **not** need approval from the Secretary of State. This option does not achieve a balanced DSG in 2020/21.

- Option 2: The transfer would be £1.4million from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block and would need Secretary of State approval. This option does achieve a balanced DSG in 2020/21, with savings amounting to £3.5m in 2021/22.
- Option 3: The transfer would be £2.1million from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block and would need Secretary of State approval. This option does achieve a balanced DSG in 2020/21, with savings amounting to £4.2m in 2020/21 .

5. Following this discussion, the Chair requested members to vote for their preferred Option with the following results:

- Option 1            8        votes
- Option 2            0        votes
- Option 3            0        votes
- One member did not agree with any of the options.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that Schools Forum would support Option 1

Meeting closed at 2pm

Next Forum Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 4:30pm