

Vacancies on Schools Forum



Vacancy Secondary Academy Governor
Vacancy Special Governor

The role of the Forum is:

- to act as a Strategic Partner with the Economy and Skills Directorate as determined by the appropriate legislation.
- a formal channel of communication between the LA and schools as the principal mechanism for consultation concerning the funding of schools.
- to provide unambiguous professional advice and strategic direction to education decision-makers regarding the funding of schools.
- to agree recommendations which present the best possible, most equitable compromise between competing claims on limited resources through a transparent and properly informed process of discussion in a framework of agreed principles.
- to have strategic oversight of funding decisions which fall within the remit of the Forum affecting schools so that it can agree recommendations in the context of the full picture of funding.
- involved in annual consultation in respect of the LA's functions relating to the schools budget in connection with the following: pupils with SEN, use of PRUs, early years, revisions to the LA's scheme for the financing of schools.
- To receive and consider information and advice from the Fair Funding Group.

The forum acts as a consultative body on some issues and a decision making body on others.

The forum acts in a consultative role for:

- changes to the local funding formula (the local authority makes the final decision)
- proposed changes to the operation of the minimum funding guarantee
- changes to or new contracts affecting schools (e.g. school meals)
- arrangements for pupils with special educational needs, in pupil referral units and in early years provision

The forum decides:

- how much funding may be retained by the local authority within the dedicated schools grant (e.g. for providing an admissions service or providing additional funding for growing schools)
- any proposed carry forward of deficits on central spend from one year to the next
- proposals to de-delegate funding from maintained primary and secondary schools (e.g. for staff supply cover, insurance)
- changes to the scheme of financial management

Whilst members are representatives of their specific sectors or phase, they must be able to consider the needs of the whole educational community, rather than using their position on the Schools Forum to advance their own sectional or specific interests.

- Members of Oldham Schools Forum shall act in accordance with the seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

For more information and if you are interested please contact **Liz Caygill by 30 November 2016.**

Thanks

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The next meeting of the **Schools Forum is Wednesday 11 January 2017 5.30pm Civic Centre**