



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>SCHOOLS FORUM</b>
Date and time	<b>FRIDAY, 11 JANUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present:	Nathan Thomas (Vice Chairman in the Chair) – Island Innovation Trust Gill Andrew – Secondary PRU Amanda Bitchenor – Chatterbox Day Nursery Roseleen Cullen – Island Day Nursery Beverley Gilbert – Brading CE Primary Sue Holman – St Georges Richard Marinelli – Cowes Enterprise College Katherine Marshall – Carisbrooke CE Primary Chris O’Connell – Christ the King Ingrid Ramsdale-Capper – Niton Primary Martyn Reah – Ryde Academy Roland White – Isle of Wight College
Non-voting members:	Cllr Dawn Cousins – Isle of Wight Council
Officers Present:	Janet Giles – Isle of Wight Council Sarah Linington – Isle of Wight Council Maisy Green – Isle of Wight Council Julie Martin – Isle of Wight Council
Apologies:	Jonathan de Sausmarez

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1. [Election of Chairman](#)

The name of Nathan Thomas was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations it was:

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Mr Nathan Thomas be elected Chairman for the remainder of the academic year.

2. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, [19 October 2012](#) be agreed.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Roland White declared a personal interest as he was now a Parent Governor at Cowes Enterprise College.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman**

The name of Katherine Marshall was proposed and seconded. There being no other nomination it was:

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Mrs Katherine Marshall be elected Vice Chairman for the remainder of the academic year.

5. **Deficit Recovery - Secretary of State's Decision**

The Principal Officer Resources and Business Support outlined the final deficit on the Schools Budget at the end of the financial year 2011-2012 was £5,334,958; this included the additional revenue costs that arose from the School Reorganisation over the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 financial years. The local authority planned to recover the deficit from the Dedicated Schools Grant over a number of years, following the decision made by the Schools Forum 28 September 2012 not to approve the recovery of the deficit from the Dedicated Schools Grant in future years. The local authority had referred the matter to the Secretary of State for a decision.

The Minister for Schools concluded that the Authority would recover the £3m from the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Dedicated Schools Grant with an estimated £1.2m being recovered in 2012 -13. The balance of £1.8m would be recovered in 2013-14. The final formula for 2013-14 was set out in a subsequent paper 28 September 2012 included the £1.8m top-slice.

There was a question as to whether the Dedicated Schools Grant had picked up the £1.3m, as it was thought that had been the case. Members asked that this be clearly stated.

It was noted that the legislation changed in 2013. The Secretary of State had taken that into account and had concentrated on how residual costs could be looked at. It was also noted that this would not have arisen if the regulations had not changed.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

6. Early Years Funding 2013-14

Members were given the details of the revised arrangements for the provision of early education for 2 year olds and the level of funding that the authority would receive to support that. The committee was advised that, detailed proposals for the use of the funding would be brought to a future meeting of the forum.

The new school funding formula split local postcodes across 6 bands according to the level of IDACI Income Deprivation Affecting Children in each Super Output Area (SOA) and would then allocate funding according to the percentage of pupils living in each SOA. That was to ensure those living in the most deprived areas would attract the highest level of funding.

The proposals were presented to the Early Years providers on 11 December 2012 with a request for feedback. The committee was advised by the Early Years representatives that no feedback had been received, and that approval should be agreed.

There was a question as to whether the funding formula used, was one that was nationally used. The forum was told that the information was available from the government, which had been gathered from both the national census and the Department for Work and Pensions.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Early Years Single Funding Formula be approved for implementation from the 1 April 2013.

7. 2013-14 Budget Settlement and final formula submission

Members were advised of the level of funding that the Authority would receive for the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant and an explanation was given as to how that had been utilised to calculate school budgets.

The Schools Block allocation total for the authority was £70,805,000 and had been calculated using the verified data from October 2012.

The final Schools Block allocation of £71, 671,000 was reduced by the deficit recovery instalment of £1,800,000 and by the budgets for the four services that the authority was permitted to retain. The final amount available for the calculation of individual school budgets was £69,515,000.

A growth fund of £175,000 had been set aside to provide support for schools that were experiencing planned growth in pupil numbers; that was agreed by the Forum in September 2012.

The authority was required to submit the final funding formula to the EFA Education Funding Agency by the 22 January 2013.

The committee asked for clarification of the funding formula and were advised that an additional meeting of the Schools Forum had been scheduled for Thursday, 14 February 2013; where the final funding formula and the High Needs budget would be discussed.

Members were advised that full details of the budgets would be uploaded to the website and a letter circulated to all schools the following week.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN