

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM (WSF)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Remote Meeting Held Via MS Teams

The meeting started at 10.00 am

## IN ATTENDANCE:

### WSF Members

Malcolm Richards (Chair) [MR]	-	Governor, Bromsgrove
Bryn Thomas (Vice Chair) [BT]	-	HT Wolverley CE Secondary School
Marie Pearse [MP]	-	HT Evesham Nursery School
Phil Hanson [PH]	-	HT Pershore High School
Paul Essenhigh [PE]	-	Executive HT Catshill Middle, Catshill First and Nursery Schools
Lizzie Dixon [LD]	-	HT Franche Primary School
Emma Pritchard [EP]	-	Principal Black Pear Trust
Adrian Ward [AW]	-	HT Trinity High School
Jeff Robinson [JR]	-	Governor, Malvern Hills
John Bateman [JB]	-	Governor, Aspire Alternative Provision (AP)
Chris King [CK]		



PR reported the outcome of the local funding proposals for 2022-23, discussed and approved by the WSF in the Autumn Term 2021, were received and considered by Cabinet.

The WSF were notified that the Cabinet decisions and approvals of made: -

- € The Local Schools Funding Formula (LSFF) to continue as far as is practicable and affordable on the DfE NFF Year 4 parameters.
- € No transfer of funding from the Schools Block to support High Needs.
- € De-delegations for maintained schools
- € Centrally retained services items for all schools.
- € The LSFF parameters (F)(r)-4.F.4 (i)-0.7 (s)d.B[(he LS).B[(he (he LS).Bb(he LS).B[.7 (c)-3.9 Eal)

School business rates

Another change for school from April 2022 is that the school will not need to budget for rates income or expenditure as school will not receive the funding to pay the rates

**10. All Age Disability Service**

PR presented to WSF the proposal paper to the Scrutiny Panel within the Council for the transformation and restructure to create an All Age Disability Service 0-25 (AAD 0-25), for information. This will also dovetail into the SEND improvement plan.

SW gave further details on this and how it will assist the child's journey into adulthood and is linked to SEND improvement and a more joined up service and approach.

SW confirmed that two-senior officers within SEND management have or are leaving and that the Virtual School and Vulnerable Children areas will move under Nicola Jones.

**11. Government response to - Reforming how local authorities' school**