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Dear Sir or Madam,

A meeting of the **SCHOOLS' FORUM** will be held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth on **Wednesday, 18 January 2017** at 9.30 a.m.

Refreshments will be available before the meeting.

Can I please stress the importance of attendance to enable decisions to be taken in advance of 19 January – the date when a submission needs to be made to the DfE. May I remind you that if you are unable to attend, you are able to arrange for an appropriate substitute to attend on your behalf. For Headteachers, an appropriate substitute would be another Headteacher from the same phase. Likewise, for Governors, an appropriate substitute would be another Governor from the same phase.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Papaioannou
Clerk to the Forum

To the members of the Schools' Forum

**Copy to Mrs. D. Lally, Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Wellbeing and Community Health Services and
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AGENDA

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

		Decision/ Consultation/ Information/Read /Consider
1.	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>It should be noted that the following vacancies remain on the Forum:</p> <p>Two Academy Governor positions (or 1 Headteacher and 1 Governor)</p>	Information
2.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>An apology for absence was received in advance of the meeting from the Chair - M. Brown.</p>	Information
3.	<p>DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS (if any)</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of the Schools' Forum held on Tuesday 8 November 2016, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman (attached).</p>	Decision Information
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p>	Information
6	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> <p>(a) Communication with Schools Forum</p> <p>(b) Draft Minutes from the following Committee meetings:</p> <p>Formula Funding Committee – (no meeting held). Additional Needs Committee – meeting of 4 January 2017 (draft minutes attached).</p>	Information

7.	<p>SETTING THE DSG BUDGET 2017-18</p> <p>To consider the attached report and its Annexes which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sets out the overall DSG allocation for 2017-18; ● seeks approval to set the overall budget for the Early Years Block and to approve the Early Years formula funding rates for consultation with the schools and early years providers; ● seeks approval to set the overall budget for the High Needs Block, with detailed budgets within the Block to be set at the February meeting; ● seeks approval to set the Schools Block for 2017-18, including the historic commitments and to set the centrally retained budgets within the Schools Block; ● seeks approval for the formula values to be used in the funding of school and academy budget shares for 2017-18; ● seeks approval to fund some of the MFG by setting a 1.5% capping limit; ● make decisions on the proposed de-delegation of budgets from maintained mainstream schools for 2017-18. <p>(Report and appendices attached).</p>	Information and Decision
8.	<p>PROPOSED RECOUPMENT OF ACADEMY CONVERSION COSTS</p> <p>To note the contents of the attached report and seek the views of the Schools Forum ahead of a consultation.</p>	Information and decision
9.	<p>OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS' FORUM ON THE PROPOSED SAVINGS WITHIN THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG)</p> <p>To note the contents of the report.</p>	Information
10.	<p>IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA ON SCHOOL BUDGETS</p> <p>To note the information in the attached papers. (To be tabled)</p>	Information
11.	<p>APPRENTICESHIP LEVY</p> <p>To note the information in the attached paper.</p>	Information

12	<p>URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)</p> <p>To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.</p>	Information
13.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Schools' Forum is to be held on Thursday 16 February 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth.</p> <p>To note the proposed dates of meetings of the Schools' Forum for the 2016/17 academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in CR 1 ● Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in C R 1 ● Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in C R 1 	