

# NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

## Wellbeing and Community Health Services Group

Education and Skills Service

Meeting: Additional Educational Needs Sub Committee of the Schools Forum  
Date: 25 April 2017  
Time: 1.30pm  
Venue: Warkworth Meeting Room

<b>Present:</b> <b>Felicity Penny, Chair</b> ( <i>HT St Peter's/St Pauls Catholic Academies</i> ) <b>Colin Bradshaw</b> (HT Barndale) <b>Keith Faulkener</b> (Governor of Collingwood) <b>Alan Carrick</b> ( <i>SEND Commissioner</i> ) <b>Angela Whitehead</b> ( <i>School Funding and Business Relationship Manager</i> )	
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Notes Lisa Headington

Start time:	Action:
1. <b>Apologies:</b>  Andrew Day, Judith Dodds and Colin Pearson.	
2. <b>Declaration of personal or pecuniary interest in any agenda item.</b>  No declaration of pecuniary interest declared by members.	
3. <b>Update on SEND SLA.</b>  AC circulated some information regarding the new SEND SLA to members and discussed the following with members.  Patterns of buy in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 13 no</li><li>● 63 yes</li><li>● 87 no response/tbc/under discussion with single school or group of schools.</li><li>● Some buy-in from independent sector, care sector and further work to be carried out with FE/adult education sectors.</li></ul>	

	<p>A further round of confirmations will be received this week, as many schools have their budgets and SLA buy-in signed off by the governing bodies.</p> <p>Positive buy-in characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Individual schools of different sizes not in deficit.</li> <li>● Very small schools on bespoke basis.</li> <li>● Groups of schools with strong local partnership.</li> </ul> <p>Obstacles to buy-in was also discussed.</p> <p>What is happening next:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This week and next - add the extra schools who have just had governing body sign-off.</li> <li>● AC and SEND senior managers speaking to each school who have not already responded.</li> <li>● Arrange bespoke buy-in for very small schools and negotiate group buy in where asked.</li> <li>● Meetings arranged with groups of schools who would like joint buy-in.</li> <li>● Contract to be checked by legal this week, ready to share with schools. New version for groups of schools being devised.</li> <li>● Collate full income/service delivery picture in May 2017.</li> <li>● Further work with FE/adult/independent sectors.</li> </ul> <p>Actions/points raised:</p> <p>AC to do a report for AEN members to see prior to Schools Forum Meeting.</p> <p>We may encourage a further option, for Partnerships to buy into a member of staff e.g full-time Speech &amp; language teacher-therapist.</p> <p>Roman Catholic partnership harder to coordinate due to geographical breadth.</p> <p>At request of AEN group, redundancy risks to be assessed for each service, including conversation with Trades Unions to explore options. AC to consult with HR. Update - please see attached further report, with timescales for SEND service changes proposed from April or September 2018.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Issues affecting schools.</b></p> <p>deferred</p>	

5.	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>It was agreed to cancel the next scheduled meeting on 23rd May 2017 and the next meeting will be held on 11th July 2017 at 9.30am (date already set)</p>	
<p><b>End: 2.45pm</b></p> <p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting: To be 11th July 2017 at 9.30am</b></p>		