

Schools Forum – 15 October 2020

Notices of Concern

Recommendation

1. Members note the issue and withdrawal of a Notice of Concern to schools.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for People:

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decision is required?

2. No decision required.

Reasons for recommendation

3. The agreed protocol for issuing a Notice of Concern includes the provision that information on the issue and withdrawal of a notice of concern will be provided to the Schools Forum on a termly basis.

PART B

Background:

4. Since last Forum, a Notice of Concern has been issued and signed by the Interim Executive Board at Western Springs Primary School. This Notice was issued following a Directive Academy Order from the DfE.
5. Five new Notices of Concern are in the process of being issued to those schools who were unable to set a balanced budget for 2020/21. Those schools are:
 - Hassell Primary School
 - St Leonards, Stafford
 - St Michaels, Stone
 - St Peters, Caverswall
 - Talbot First School
6. Should these schools end the financial year in a deficit position, as predicted from their original 2020/21 budget, they will be expected to enter in a Licenced Deficit arrangement as at 31st March 2021 at which point the Notice will be removed.
7. A Licensed Deficit plan has been put into place for Barlaston First School following a deficit outturn position as at 31st March 2020.

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List of background papers:

Schools Forum 7 December 2016 – Item 6 Notices of Concern: revised protocol
School Forum

School Forum 28th March 2019 – Item 39 Update to the Staffordshire Scheme for
Financing of Schools