

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

GATESHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING

Thursday, 6 July 2023

- PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Largue (Chair)
- Councillor(s): Brendan Robson, Alison Hall, Paul Harris, Kilner, Julie Goodfellow, Steve Haigh and S Gallagher
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor(s): G Haley
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor(s): Sarah Diggle, Jacqui Ridley, Andrew Fowler, Michelle Richards and Domenic Volpe

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

10 MAINTAINED SCHOOLS BALANCES 2022/23

The forum received a report providing information on the school balances for 2022/23.

It was reported the school closing balances had decreased by £670k from £8,942 to £8,275.

At the end of the financial year the number of schools in deficit increased to 23. Out of those 23 schools, nine of them had converted to an academy, with a small number of transactions going through after the conversion. All finances were accurate as of March 2023.

The team will continue to provide support to the schools that need it to keep the number of schools in deficit and overall value.

It was noted in the meeting to add a % comparison column on for the surplus and shortfall for the schools in the next financial year.

Resolved – The school forum notes:

- The value of maintained school balances and the in-year decrease of balances by £0.67m to the year-end value of £8.27m.
- The number of schools with a deficit balance at the end of 2022/23.
- The increase in the value of deficit balances at the end of 2022/23.

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th September at 2.00pm

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