Waltham Forest

NOTES OF THE PRE-BRIEFING TECHNICAL SESSION SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Committee Room 3, Waltham Forest Town Hall

5:15 – 6:00pm

PRESENT	
Peter Dawe	Chair of Schools Forum
Debbie Callender	Clerk to Schools Forum debbie.callender@walthamforest.gov.uk **020 8496 3669**
Graham Jackson	School Business Manager, Willowfield Humanities College
Rishi Peetamsingh	Group Accountant – Schools
Shehwar Sultan	Principal Accountant –Schools and High Needs
Andrew Beckett	Interim of Head of Inclusion
Maureen Okoye	Davies Lane and Selwyn Federation

These are notes from this pre-briefing, chaired by the Schools Forum Chair, Mr Peter Dawe.

The meeting was inquorate; however the Clerk made the following notes.

Forum Member: Wanted to find out more. If there was a question it would be around contingency. What has happened to contingency and around de-delegation?

Report Author: A summary of the responses. The consultation asked questions about de-delegation.

- 18 September subject to consultation. Positive comments about Growth. Option 1.4 There was some confusing results on contingency. Primaries were not but Secondary schools were.

Forum Member: Contingency not in a secure position would not want a £300,000.

Report Author: We have to do it by phase. On the consultation if you were to work to that split, particular problem in Primary – in terms of the £300,000. £97 isn't an awful lot

Forum Member: What funding are we putting into Schools Forum regarding the PRUs, spaces in these? We need to have something as there is a growing need. We need to be holistic in our thinking.

Report Author: The recommendation numbered *4.3* in the report talks about the contingency that can be used and schools in financial difficulty. It's really about unforeseen costs.

Forum Member: if it's anything to do with the funding. I am part of the Fair Access Panel (FAP), some schools are not secure.

Report Author: we have to vote by sector. Consultation was well responded. These are the best rate of responses we received than in previous years.

Forum Member: We need to meet the needs. If you don't put enough money for contingency there will be an issue. I am very concerned about decisions at FAP.

Introduction of Andrew Beckett made (started mid-September)

Report Author: I will be presenting the High Needs Block report at the main meeting. I hope to be around for 12 months.

Chair: We started Schools Forum in November 2002. Ofsted rated in 2005.