

Schools Forum – 10th November 2022

Notices of Concern

Recommendation

1. Members note the issue and withdrawal of Notice of Concerns 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, two new Notices of Concern have been issued; Flash Ley Primary School (deficit position and no recovery plan) and Moor First School (unable to set a balanced budget for 2022/23).
5. Licensed Deficit plans have also been put into place for Fulfen Primary School and St Leonards Primary School, Stafford.
6. The Entrust Schools Finance team continue to work with all schools who have existing Notice of Concern or Licensed Deficit agreement. The team are also continuing to work with several schools following the 2021/22 year end and 2022/23 budget setting process.

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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