

Schools Forum – 9th November 2023

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 the last Forum, Notices of Concerns have been issued for those schools who finished the 2022/23 financial year in a deficit position and are unable to agree a Licensed Deficit repayment plan. These schools are:
 - Abbot Beyne School, Burton
 - Hob Hill CE/Meth(C) Primary School
 - Moor First School
 - St John's CE(C) Primary School, Swindon
 - Wood Lane Primary School
5. Two new Licensed Deficit agreements have been put into place; these are for:
 - Flash Ley Primary School
 - Fulfen Primary School
6. Notice of Concern have been issued to schools who were unable to set a balanced budget for 2023/24. These schools are:
 - Corbett Primary School
 - Norton Canes High School
 - Talbot First School
7. The Entrust Schools Finance team continue to work with all schools who have existing Notice of Concern or Licensed Deficit agreement and those schools who continue to require support.

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List of background papers:

Schools Forum 7 December 2016 – Item 6 Notices of Concern: revised protocol
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School Forum 28th March 2019 – Item 39 Update to the Staffordshire Scheme for
Financing of Schools