**PA/BESA Annual Education Conference 28 November 2018, Ironmongers' Hall, London**

**Final agenda and confirmed speakers 9 November 2018**

**Title:**

**Themes**

* State of play – Performance, procurement, curriculum & resourcing
* Autonomy vs control – the independence of MATs vs DfE procurements, curriculum fund, resource approval

**Agenda**

**Conference Chair**

* **Emma House, Deputy Chief Executive, Publishers Association**

**8.30 Registration**

**9.00 Welcome – Emma House**

**9.15 Keynote *School improvement in times of extravagance and in times of austerity***

**Professor Becky Allen, Director, Centre for Education Improvement Science (CEIS), UCL IoE – applying scientific understanding to education**

As surprising as it is to most teachers and heads, money has a poor track record when it comes to raising educational standards. Money certainly changes the way that education feels to those involved, but that is a different thing to say it affects how students learn. This talk presents the evidence on why money doesn't always improve education and talks about how to manage school improvement without access to new funds.

**10.00 Panel 1**

**State of Play: what works in schools to drive educational success?**

**Chair: Jane Harley** Policy & AssessmentDirector at Oxford University Press

**Panel**

**Sir Kevan Collins,** Chief Executive of the Education Endowment Foundation

**Dr Trevor Male**, London Centre for Leadership in Learning, UCL Institute of Education

**Lucy Heller,** Chief Executive Ark Schools

This panel will look at the state of play in schools, the impact of MATs, and the part that leadership plays in successful learning outcomes.

Each speaker will present for 15 mins with slides or av. Final 15 mins Q&A with all three speakers and questions from delegates, facilitated by Chair, Jane Harley.

**11.00 Coffee break**

**11.30 Update on curriculum and resourcing policy**

**Stefano Pozzi, Assistant Director, Department for Education**

**12.00 Panel 2**

**Making every pound count in schools: Procurement - driving quality and value for money in schools**

**Chair: Lindsay Nadin, Director, Primary Learning Services & Direct to Learner, Pearson**

In the context of the DfE’s procurement initiatives, this panel will explore how to address the DfE’s aims to help schools avoid making “poor commercial decisions”, engage effectively with suppliers, enable aggregation with other schools and access help when lacking specialist procurement expertise, as well as providing their own insights into current procurement processes and how publishers can respond.

**Panel:**

Mike Newell, Managing Director, Procurement for Schools

Lorraine Ashover, Director, Minerva Procurement Consultancy Services Ltd

Rob Kissick, CEO, 2buy2.com

Joanna Bailey Procurement and Contracts Officer Brooke Weston Trust, Corby Technical School

**12.50 Buffet Lunch**

**13.50 David Laws Keynote address**

The state of play in education and schools, the use of evidence and data to inform teaching and school performance, quality drivers, and value for money in schools.

**Q&A chaired by Caroline Wright, Director General, BESA**

**14.40 Panel 4 View from the classroom**

Chaired by Lee Newman, a panel of senior leaders from schools across the country will provide a view from the front line in schools looking at current issues including retention, leadership, inclusion, the use of published resources and how publishers can address current needs and issues.

**Panel**

Allana Gay, Deputy Head, Haringey Co-founder of BAMEed

Birna Helgadottir, Director of Learning

Tony Hayes, Geography Subject Adviser, United Learning

Kirsty Tonks Primary Director for Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust & Principal of Shireland Technology Primary

Paul Urry, Headteacher St Stephen and St William Primary Schools, Bradford

**15.30 Break**

**16.15 Closing Address**

**Lynn Knapp,** Headteacher Windmill Primary School

**16.50 Wrap up – key points from the day Emma**

**17.00 Finish**

**17.00-18.30 Drinks reception**