

Schools Forum

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Wednesday, 11th December,
2024
at 4.00 pm

Virtual Meetings - Virtual meeting

This meeting is open to the public

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AGENDA

1 WELCOME FROM CHAIR

2 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

To note any apologies and changes to membership.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2024 and to deal with any matters arising.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 5 - 10)

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

5 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Verbal report from the Head of Education Services.

6 SCHOOL`S FORUM MEMBERSHIP (Pages 11 - 14)

To consider the Schools Forum membership and outstanding vacancies.

7 MATTERS ARISING (Pages 15 - 22)

To receive updates on the following:

- a) Rationale/Impact of the transfer of funds from SB to CSSB
- b) Impact of restructuring on budget
- c) Pressures on HN block and any potential impact planned or otherwise
- d) Schools in Deficit Grant - funding formula used.

8 TRANSFER FROM SCHOOLS BLOCK (Pages 23 - 28)

To receive a briefing paper on the Transfer from Schools Block.

9 TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT FOR PFI - DECISION REQUIRED (Pages 29 - 30)

The Schools Forum is asked to vote on the Technical Adjustment for PFI schools.

10 UNION DE-DELEGATION (Pages 31 - 32)

The Schools Forum is asked to vote on the de-delegation of schools budget to fund trade union activity.

11 CHANGES TO THE SCC SEVERANCE & PENSIONS PAYMENTS: DISCRETIONARY EXCEPTIONS POLICY

To discuss the changes to the SCC Severance & Pensions Payments: Discretionary Exceptions Policy.

12 STANDING ITEM: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider an update on any DFE/ESFA funding announcements.

13 NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA UPDATE (Pages 33 - 40)

To consider the briefing, which provides an overview of the recent 2025–26 Schools and High Needs National Funding Formula updates.

14 SCHOOLS FORUM FORWARD PLAN (Pages 41 - 42)

To consider the proposed forward plan of activity over the 2025/26 financial year.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING DATES

To consider any additional items and note the date of forthcoming meetings.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Wednesday 02 April 2025

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2025/2026 Meetings:

Wednesdays

02 July 2025

17 September 2025

19 November 2025

14 January 2026

11 March 2026

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Tuesday, 3 December 2024

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