

Schools' Forum

Date: Friday, 26 September 2025
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Online (MS Teams)

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1. APOLOGIES, MEMBERSHIP ISSUES & CURRENT VACANCIES INCLUDING:

To receive any apologies for absence, noting current vacancies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2025, raise any matters arising and review the Action Log.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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To note correspondence from:

- F40 Letter to the Secretary of State for Education and Response

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| Items for Approval | | |
| 5. | ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MAINTAINED SCHOOLS' SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS | 21 - 82 |
| | To consider a report from Tom Easterbrook , Schools Forum Officer, School Finance and Support Team, Commissioning and Partnerships, People – Children Directorate
<u>For Approval</u> | |
| Items for Consultation | | |
| 6. | SECTION 19 PLACEMENTS POLICY | 83 - 102 |
| | To consider a report from Miriam Leigh , Head of Children Thriving in Education, Education and Learning, People – Children Directorate
<u>For Consultation</u> | |
| Items for Information | | |
| 7. | SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICE IMPACT REPORT | 103 - 122 |
| | To consider a report from and Lisa Gray , interim Principal Lead – Best Education for All, Education and Learning, People – Children Directorate
<u>For information</u> | |
| 8. | DEDICATED SCHOOLS' GRANT (DSG) OUTTURN FOR 2025-26 Q1 | 123 - 134 |
| | To consider a report from Lee House , Service Manager (Finance) – Children's Services, Finance and Commercial, Corporate Development Directorate
<u>For Information</u> | |
| 9. | EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE | 135 - 144 |
| | To consider a report from Tom Easterbrook , Schools Forum Officer, School Finance and Support Team, Commissioning and Partnerships, People – Children Directorate
<u>For Information</u> | |
| 10. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |