

Schools' Forum

Date: Friday, 7 November 2025
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

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| 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 PREVIOUS MEETING | 3 - 14 |
| To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 th September 2025, raise any matters arising and review the Action Log. | |
| 4. CORRESPONDENCE | 15 - 16 |
| To note correspondance from:
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5. **DEDICATED SCHOOLS' GRANT (DSG)** 17 - 32
- A: OUTTURN FOR 2024-25 Q2**
B: SCHOOLS BLOCK TRANSFER 2026-27 TO SUPPORT SAFETY VALVE
- To consider reports from:
- A: **Lee House**, Service Manager (Finance) – Children's Services, Finance and Commercial, Corporate Development Directorate
- B: **Ross Howell**, Head of Service, Health Education & SEND Commissioning, Commissioning and Partnerships. People – Children Directorate
- For information/approval**
6. **MAINTAINED SCHOOL FUNDING DECISIONS 2026-27** 33 - 44
- A: RETENTION OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION FUNCTIONS 26-27**
B: DE-DELEGATION OF FUNDING FROM MAINTAINED SCHOOLS 26-27
- To consider a report from **Vanessa Eddey**, Team Manager – Schools, Finance & Support, Commissioning and Partnerships, People - Children Directorate
- For Approval**
7. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLACES TO BE COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN LOCAL SPECIALIST PROVISION** 45 - 50
- To consider a report from **Ellen Eager**, Sufficiency and Funding Manager, Commissioning and Partnerships, People – Children Directorate
- For Consultation**
8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**