

Schools' Forum

Date: Friday, 27 March 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Online (MS Teams)

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND VACANCIES

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

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2026, raise any matters arising, review the Action Log, and note any correspondence received.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Items for approval

5. PUPIL GROWTH APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027

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To consider a report from **Ed Denham**, Sufficiency of School Places Manager, Education & Learning, People – Children Directorate

For approval

Items for Consultation

6. **HIGH NEEDS BLOCK BUDGET SETTING 2026-27** 25 - 38

To a consider report from:

Steve Gorson, Service Manager (Children's Finance) –, Finance & Commercial, Corporate Development Directorate

Ross Bowell, Head of Service Health, Education & SEND Commissioning, Commissioning and Partnerships, People – Children Directorate

Ellen Eager, Sufficiency and Funding Manager Health, Education & SEND Commissioning, Commissioning and Partnerships, People – Children Directorate

For consultation

7. **UPDATE ON MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORMULA FOR 2026-27 IN THE SCHOOLS' BLOCK** 39 - 42

To consider a report from

Ross Bowell, Head of Service – Health, Education and SEND Commissioning

Vanessa Eddey, Team Manager – Schools Finance & Support

For consultation

8. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION, ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLS' FORUM** 43 - 54

To consider a report from **Tom Easterbrook**, Schools Forum Officer, School Finance and Support, Education and Learning, People – Children Directorate

For consultation

Items for information

9. **DEDICATED SCHOOLS' GRANT (DSG) OUTTURN FOR 2025-26 Q3** 55 - 66

To a consider report from:

Steve Gorson, Service Manager (Children's Finance) –, Finance & Commercial, Corporate Development Directorate

For Information

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**