Schools' Forum

Date: Friday, 6 November 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: MS Teams

All members and named observers of the Dorset Schools Forum are requested to attend this meeting of the Forum. A full list of the current membership and any vacancies can be found here.

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To receive any apologies for absence, noting current vacancies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

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For Approval

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For Consultation

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To consider a report from **Lee House**, Service Manager (Finance) – Children's Services, Finance and Commercial, Corporate Development Directorate

For information

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