

Dorset Schools' Forum

Date of Meeting:	3rd July 2026
Report Title:	Work and Membership of the Dorset Schools Forum 2026-27
Executive Director:	Paul Dempsey, Executive Director for People - Children
Corporate Director:	Jen Furnell, Director for Education and Learning
Presenting Officer:	Vanessa Eddey, Team Manager, School Finance and Support, Commissioning & Partnerships
Report Status:	Public
Reason for Submission to Schools' Forum:	For CONSULTATION Under Forum power/responsibility: 2(g) Schools' Forum membership issues.
Recommendation(s):	That, members take note of the following. A: The results of the elections for Members taking up their seats from September 2026. Including appointments made by the local authority where No nominations were received. B: The proposed forward plan for 2026/27 C: The proposed calendar of meetings for 2026/27
Reason for Recommendation(s):	To ensure that all members can contribute to the work of forum. fully in the forthcoming academic year and are apprised of membership changes.
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Schools' Forum members are reminded of their responsibility to make a declaration of interest in any agenda item in which they have an interest, to the Chair or the Clerk, preferably in advance of the meeting.
1. Executive Summary 1.1 Results of Elections Since our last meeting in March 2026, elections have taken place for the Academy Primary representative, Primary Maintained representative and Early Years representative. All elections were administered by the local authority in the absence of any phase-specific association. - Mick Homer has been elected as the Primary Academy representative.	

- Adam Gough has been elected as the Primary Maintained representative
- The Early Years sector had one nomination and one remaining vacancy. Alex Fulton was elected unopposed.

In accordance with the Schools' Forum Regulations 2012, the local authority has exercised its statutory power to appoint eligible individuals to posts that received no nominations during the nomination period.

Summary of Results

Phase	Name of Elected/Appointed Representative(s)
Primary Academy	Mick Homer (St Mary's Charminster, Initio MAT)
Primary Maintained	Adam Gough (Bincombe Valley Primary)
Early Years	Alex Fulton (Little Birch Pre-School)

Cllr Carole Jones was appointed as observer on the Schools Forum at the council's annual meeting on 14 May 2026.

1.2 Forward Plan

Members are invited to read the draft forward plan for the forthcoming academic year, as set out in appendix A. If you would like to provide any feedback, this can be done using the contact details for myself above.

1.3 Calendar of Meetings

Members are invited to review the calendar of meetings for the forthcoming academic year, as set out in appendix B. If you would like to provide any feedback, This can be done using the contact details for myself above.

Should members have any diary conflicts with these dates, please ensure to contact me as soon as possible so that we ensure meetings remain quorate and have a broad spectrum of views.

2. Financial Implications

n/a

3. Climate Implications

n/a

4. Other implications

n/a

5. Risk Assessment: n/a

6. Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

n/a

7. Appendices

Appendix A: Draft Forward plan for the 2026/27 academic year.

Appendix B: Draft calendar of meetings for the 2026/2027 academic year.

8. Background Papers

[Schools' Forum \(England\) Regulations 2012 as amended by subsequent School and Early Years Finance \(England\) Regulations](#)

[DfE Schools' Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide \(March 2021\)](#)

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.