

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Schools Forum  
**Place:** [Online meeting](#)  
**Date:** Thursday 7 October 2021  
**Time:** 1.30 pm

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## PART I

Items to be considered whilst the meeting is open to the public

1 **Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair of Schools Forum for 2021-22.

2 **Election of Vice Chair**

To elect a Vice Chair of Schools Forum for 2021-22.

3 **Apologies/Substitutions and Changes of Membership**

To note any apologies, substitutions and changes to the membership of the Forum.

4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 16*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 (copy attached).

5 **Chair's Announcements** (*Pages 17 - 18*)

To receive any announcements from the Chair. A copy of the current membership details of Schools Forum is attached for information.

6 **Declaration of Interests**

To note any declarations of interests.

7 **Public Participation**

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### Questions

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions electronically to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than **5pm on Thursday 30 September 2021** to allow a response to be formulated. Questions are limited to a maximum of 2 per person or organisation.

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**8 Updates from Working Groups (Pages 19 - 20)**

The Forum will be asked to note the minutes/updates from the following meetings:

- Joint meeting of the School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group – on 8 September (extraordinary) and 27 September 2021 – *to follow*
- Early Years Reference Group – 21 September 2021 – *to follow*

**9 School Revenue Surplus and Deficit Balances 2020-21 (Pages 21 - 32)**

The report of Hazel Ryan (Schools Strategic Financial Management Adviser) presents the position of revenue balances for Wiltshire maintained schools as at 31 March 2021 and identifies those in surplus and deficit.

**10 Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2021-22 (Pages 33 - 38)**

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to present budget monitoring information against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2021-22 as at 31 August 2021.

**11 Families and Children's Transformation Programme (FACT) Update**

Simon Thomas (FACT Programme Lead) will present an update on the Families and Children's Transformation Programme (FACT) to the Forum.

**12 Update from the High Needs Block Working Group (Pages 39 - 44)**

The minutes of the meetings of the High Needs Block Working Group held on 7 July and 9 September 2021 are attached. The Forum will also receive an update on behalf of the Working Group and there will be a spotlight on SEND Assessment and EHCP to be presented by Cate Mullen (Head of SEND and Inclusion).

**13 National Funding Formulae for Schools and High Needs - 2022-23 (Pages 45 - 50)**

The report of Grant Davis and Bea Seggari (Schools Strategic Financial Support Team) seeks to outline the Department for Education's (DfE) funding proposals for schools and high needs in 2022-23. The DfE published its document '*The national funding formulae for schools and high needs – 2022-23*', in July 2021.

14 **Update on DfE Consultations** (Pages 51 - 124)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to provide an update on the Department for Education (DfE) national consultations impacting on schools and local authority budgets. A number of consultations are either underway or have been completed and these include.

- a. Business Rates
- b. Fair School Funding for all (deadline for responses 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021)
- c. Sparsity
- d. SEN Review

15 **Changes to Sparsity Funding 2022-23 - Government Consultation Response** (Pages 125 - 130)

The report of Grant Davis and Bea Seggari (Schools Strategic Financial Support Team) seeks to outline the Governments response to the '*Schools National Funding Formula: Changes to sparsity funding from 2022-23*' and the changes which have been implemented into the NFF sparsity factor from 2022-23.

16 **Annual Schools Consultation - De-delegation and School Funding 2022-23** (Pages 131 - 136)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to brief Schools Forum and agree a set of questions to be sent out to all schools in October 2021.

17 **Update on Covid Funding**

Schools Forum will receive a verbal update on Covid costs and funding for Schools and Early Years settings from Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager and Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education).

18 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

To confirm the dates of future meetings, as follows, all to start at 1.30pm:

9 December 2021

20 January 2022

17 March 2022.

19 **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items of business, which the Chair agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

**PART II**

Item(s) during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed