

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Schools Forum  
**Place:** Online meeting  
**Date:** Thursday 11 March 2021  
**Time:** 1.30 pm

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## PART I

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

1 **Apologies and Changes of Membership**

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

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 24*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 (copy attached).

3 **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chair.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

To note any declarations of interests.

5 **Public Participation**

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6 **Updates from Working Groups** (*Pages 25 - 32*)

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 – 1 March 2021
- Early Years Reference Group – 23 February 2021.

7 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2020/21** (*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 2020/21 as at 31 January 2021.

8 **Update on the work of the High Needs Block Recovery Group** (*Pages 39 - 58*)

Helean Hughes (Director – Education & Skills) and Cate Mullen (Head of Inclusion & SEND) will give an update on the work of the High Needs Block Recovery Group. Attached are the findings from the f40 SEND survey that was carried out in the autumn 2020 and the f40's submission to the Government review on SEND from January 2020.

9 **DfE Consultation Update - HNB Funding** (*Pages 59 - 108*)

The report of Marie Taylor (Head of Finance – Children and Education) seeks to present the DfE consultation on the HNB funding formula for 22-23 and beyond, to share the local authority response and to seek Schools Forum views on the consultation questions.

10 **Schools Budget Update 2021-22 - All Blocks** (*Pages 109 - 114*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to outline the key changes resulting from implementing the schools funding formula for 2021-22.

11 **School Admission Appeals** (*Pages 115 - 124*)

The report of Libby Johnstone (Democratic Services) and Clara Davies (School Place Commissioning) seeks to inform Schools Forum of the final arrangements in place for the subsidised charging for admission appeals for all schools.

12 **f40 - Campaign for Fair Funding for Schools Update** (*Pages 125 - 128*)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to provide members with an update on the work of the f40 group. The f40 group have recently issued an outline of the work that they are undertaking and the direction of their fairer funding campaign.

13 **Updates for Schools Forum**

Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) will give verbal updates to Schools Forum on Covid funding and the consultation on support for small rural schools.

14 **Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools** (*Pages 129 - 184*)

The report of Bea Seggari (Schools Support Accountant) seeks to outline the updated Wiltshire *Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools* and provide Schools Forum members with an update, following the revisions detailed in the DfE's statutory guidance in August 2020. This report is presented purely to bring the latest government led changes to the attention of maintained members of the Schools' Forum rather than for consultation.

15 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

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

10 June 2021  
7 October 2021  
9 December 2021

16 **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