

AGENDA

Meeting: Schools Forum
Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Date: Thursday 12 December 2024
Time: 1.30 pm

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PART I

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

1 **Apologies, Substitutions and any Changes of Membership**

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

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 18*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2024 (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**

Schools Forum welcomes contributions from members of the public who are able to ask questions or make a statement in relation to the responsibilities and functions of the Forum at each meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to this at the start of each meeting, and each question or statement should last no longer than 3 minutes. Please register with the Officer named on this agenda, and in accordance with the deadlines below.

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Questions

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions to the Officer named on the front of this agenda **no later than 5pm on Thursday 5 December 2024** to allow a response to be formulated. Questions are limited to a maximum of 2 per person/organisation. A response will be given as either a direct oral answer or a written reply. Questions must not require the disclosure of confidential information. The Chair's ruling on rejection of a question is final.

6 **Updates from Working Groups** (Pages 19 - 22)

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

- Early Years Reference Group – 26 November 2024 – *to follow*
- Joint meeting of the School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group – 28 November 2024 – *attached*.

7 **Dedicated Schools Budget - Budget Monitoring 2024-25** (Pages 23 - 28)

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 2024-25 as at quarter 2 2024-25 (September 2024).

8 **Dedicated Schools Grant Consultations 2025-26** (Pages 29 - 34)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manger) seeks to update Schools Forum with the results of the recent autumn consultations relating to the de-delegation of central services and de-delegation in support of former Local Authority Monitoring and Brokering (LAMB) Grant for maintained schools.

9 **Allocation of Funding for Pupil Growth 2025-26** (Pages 35 - 40)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks agreement on the methodology for allocating funding for pupil growth from the school's block growth fund in 2025-26.

10 **National Funding Formulae for Schools - 2025-26** (Pages 41 - 46)

The report of Grant Davis (Schools Strategic Financial Support Manager) seeks to obtain 'in principle' decisions from Schools Forum with regards to the Wiltshire funding formula for the 2025-26 year and to update on the National Funding Formula for 2025-26.

11 **Schools Block Transfer 2025/26 - Consultation Outcome Report** (Pages 47 - 62)

The report of Liz Williams (Finance Lead – High Needs Sustainability) seeks to update Schools Forum on the outcomes of the consultation on the proposal to transfer 1% from the schools block to the high needs block in 2025-26.

12 **Updates from SEND Transformation Programme**

Liz Williams (Finance Lead – High Needs Block Sustainability) and Ben Stevens (Sustainability Strategic Lead) will give a verbal update on the SEND Transformation programme at the meeting.

13 **Confirmation of Dates for Future Meetings**

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

23 January 2025
13 March 2025
12 June 2025
9 October 2025
11 December 2025.

14 **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