



# ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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## SCHOOLS FORUM

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>16 July 2020</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM 9</b>	<b>Schools Forum Forward planning</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	That Schools Forum:  a) Notes the updates and provide comments

### 1 Forward planning

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the foundation of a future work plan for Schools Forum meetings for the 2020-21 financial year and be updated on a rolling 12-month period.
- 1.2 The report presented to Schools' Forum in January has been updated to reflect changes that have since emerged.
- 1.3 The table in appendix A provides the updated work plan and includes an additional notes column to enable recognised changes.
- 1.4 Listed within the work plan are suggested standing items, these will be spoken to either via a written or oral report, dependant on the need for the meeting.
- 1.5 As agreed at the May Forum meeting an additional paper has been included for the July meeting addressing the Falling Rolls and future years criteria.
- 1.6 Internal audit programme and common themes outcomes will shared during the autumn term, at the October meeting.
- 1.7 A paper on the future High Needs strategy will be reported upon in the October following a consultation early autumn.

### 2 COVID-19 - Changes to Forum

- 2.1 In May 2020 the DfE updated the guidance to facilitate Schools forum meetings during this period of Covid 19. The full guidance can be viewed here:  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/888371/Schools\\_forum\\_operational\\_and\\_good\\_practice\\_guide.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/888371/Schools_forum_operational_and_good_practice_guide.pdf)
- 2.2 The changes are regarding how Forums are permitted to meet but it remains in place that Forums are required to meet at least four times a year and are set to enable strategic decisions to be made. The following are the salient changes from the updated guidance:
  - The Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, which will come into force on 18 June, make provisions to enable schools forums to meet remotely while they are unable to meet physically in a room during the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).
  - This includes, but is not limited to, telephone conferencing, video conferencing,

live webcast, and live interactive streaming.

- These arrangements are currently in place for the 2020 to 2021 financial year, up to the end of March 2021.

### **3 Recommendations**

3.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum note the updated work plan and provide comments.

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## APPENDIX A – School Forum: Work plan

**Standing Items:** Declaration of Interest  
 Forum Composition  
 Forum Forward Planning  
 Sub Group Updates

Financial Year	Agenda Item	Information & To Note / Comments & views / Decision	Notes
<b>July 20</b>	School Balances (FINAL - prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Outturn (FINAL: prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Allocations (in year)	Information & To note	
	Falling Rolls - Future years' criteria	Decision	New agenda item
	COVID-19 Financial Implications	Information & To note	
<b>October 20</b>	DSG Budget Monitor (in year)	Information & To note	
	School Funding Arrangements (future year)	Information & To note	
	School Funding Consultation (future year)	Comments & views	
	Central School Services Block - recalculations of apportionment	Decision	
	High Needs Strategy	Information & To note	Agenda item moved from July
	Scheme for Financing Schools	Decision	Agenda item moved from July
	Schools Internal Audit Programme (in year)	Information & To note	Agenda item moved from July
Schools Internal Audit Programme Outcomes (prior year)	Information & To note	Agenda item moved from July	
<b>November 20</b>	Growth Fund allocations (in year)	Information & To note	
	DSG projected allocations (future year)	Information & To note	
	School Funding Consultation: Results (future year)	Decision	
	Growth / Falling Rolls proposals (future year)	Comments & views	
<b>January 21</b>	DSG Budget Monitor (in year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Settlement (future year)	Information & To note	
	School Funding Formula (future year)	Decision	
	School Central Retention (future year)	Decision	
	Growth / Falling Rolls proposals (future year)	Decision	
	Early Years Funding Formula (future year)	Decision	
	School Forum Forward Planning (future year)	Comments & views	
<b>May 21</b>	School Balances (DRAFT - prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Outturn (DRAFT: prior year)	Information & To note	
	High Needs Places	Decision	