



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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SCHOOL FORUM

MEETING DATE	13 May 2021
AGENDA ITEM 8	Forward Planning
RECOMMENDATIONS	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 2021-22 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 presented either via a written or oral report, dependant on the need for the meeting.
- 1.5 Following the request of Forum, a new standing item has been added to the agenda; School Organisation – Strategic Overview, this will be presented as a verbal report.
- 1.6 The proposals paper for 2020-21 Growth / Falling Rolls underspends has been deferred to July to allow final October 2021 pupils numbers to be known and form a basis of potential funding allocations.
- 1.7 Added to the July Forum also is a paper on High Needs cluster group funding. This item has been presented at various briefings including proposed funding processes. The report in July will set out the definitive rationale for allocations.
- 1.8 Following recent changes to the NQT programme and Headteacher requests for DSG benchmarking the following items have been added to future meetings:
 - July - NQT funding (De-delegated vs ECT / ECF)
 - October - DSG Central Retention & De-delegated benchmarking

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 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
 School Organisation – Strategic Overview

Financial Year	Agenda Item	Information & To Note / Comments & views / Decision	Notes
May 21	School Balances (DRAFT - prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Outturn (DRAFT: prior year)	Information & To note	
	High Needs Places	Decision	
	Scheme for Financing Schools	Comments & Views	Dependent on DfE release of scheme
July 21	School Balances (FINAL - prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Outturn (FINAL: prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Allocations (in year)	Information & To note	
	Scheme for Financing Schools	Decision	Following consultation with schools
	Schools Internal Audit Programme Outcomes (prior year)	Information & To note	
	Growth / Falling Rolls underspend - allocation proposals	Decision	NEW: based on Oct 21 pupil data (moved from May 21)
	High Needs - Cluster Funding	Information & To note	NEW
NQT funding (De-delegated vs ECT / ECF)	Discussion	NEW	
October 21	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	
	Schools Internal Audit Programme (in year)	Information & To note	
	Schools Internal Audit Programme Outcomes (prior year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Central Retention & De-delegated benchmarking	Discussion	NEW
November 21	DSG projected allocations (future year)	Information & To note	
	School Funding Consultation: Results (future year)	Decision	
	Growth / Falling Rolls proposals (future year)	Comments & views	
January 22	DSG Budget Monitor (in year)	Information & To note	
	DSG Settlement (future year)	Information & To note	
	Growth / Falling Rolls proposals (future year)	Decision	
	School Funding Formula (future year)	Decision	
	School Central Retention (future year)	Decision	
	Early Years Funding Formula (future year)	Decision	