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Briefing note

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The proposed schedule of topics for future Schools Forum meetings is set out below.

Please note these items are shown for indicative purposes and it may be necessary in time to move the agenda items shown to alternative Forum dates.

All meetings are currently planned to be held at Langdale.

Date	Item
18 May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional school outturns (inc Final Headroom allocations) 2015/16 • Agree Deficit meeting timetable and scrutiny arrangements • Update on High Borrans • Provisional date to share Central Government plans for 2017/18 funding (if available) • Scheme for Financing Schools – responsibilities for redundancy and early retirement costs: update
13 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015/16 Outturn – schools and the DSG • Centrally retained & de-delegated items • 2016/17 Section 251 Budget Statement • Update on the Education Review • Update on Education Psychology Service update and implications of EHC plans
21 Sept 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair • School Balances at 31st March 2016 – excess surplus balances policy • 2016/17 school budgets, including deficit agreements – Update from sub group • Mainstream School funding formula proposals 2017/18 • Early years funding proposals 2017/18 • Summary of planned High need SEN provision 2017/18

12 Oct 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of excess surplus balances policy (if required) • Mainstream School funding formula 2017/18 • Early years funding formula 2017/18 • High need SEN provision 2017/18 • Proposed centrally retained items 2017/18 • Schools & EY financial regs (if available) • Falling rolls criteria review • Education Review • Provisional date for update on the scheme for financing schools / school regs (if released)
16 Nov 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Funding 2017/18 • Centrally retained & de-delegated items • Schools Forum constitution review (if required) • Education Review • Benchmarking of Children's Services planned expenditure 2016/17 (subject to availability from DfE) • Update on Education Psychology Service update and implications of EHC plans
7 Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on draft Council Plan • Annual update from the Schools Procurement officer • Education Review • Early Years Funding 2017/18 • High Needs Funding 2017/18 • Schools Funding 2017/18 incl centrally retained and de-delegated items • Update from Headroom subgroup and falling roll allocations (if applicable)
11 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital & Investment plan update (subject to DfE announcement) • Early Years Funding 2017/18 – final decisions • High Needs Funding 2017/18 – final decisions • Schools Funding 2017/18 incl centrally retained and de-delegated items – final decisions
22 Mar 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG and Schools Revenue Monitoring (to Dec) • Headroom and Falling Rolls provisional funding allocations • Exceptional SEN allocations 2016/17 • Provisional date for update on the scheme for financing schools/ school regs • SEN Review progress update • Forward Plan 2017/18

Other items may be added to the agenda as necessary as they arise in due course.

In addition to the full Schools Forum meetings it is envisaged that some items will continue to be discussed in detail in working sub groups that will subsequently report their recommendations back to the full Forum for consideration.

Recommendations

Forum are asked to:

- review the proposed dates for future Schools Forum meetings and agree to the schedule
- consider items on the forward plan and determine if there are any other items the Forum would wish to add to this schedule at this stage.