

SCHOOLS FORUM WORK PROGRAMME 2026/27

23 October 2026	
Appointments	To appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Forum. To appoint a chairperson for the Budget Working Group if required
DSG Deficit Management Plan and SEND Reforms	To receive an update on the plan and strategies in place for the deficit management plan and SEND Reforms.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2026/27 Outturn	To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn.
Schools National Funding Formula 2027/28 Update	To provide an update to the Forum on the Schools National Funding Formula 2027/28, including the recommendations of the Budget Working Group (BWG) on the Herefordshire schools' budget 2027/28.
Disapplication Requests	To consider any disapplication requests to support the 2027/28 budget setting process, for submission to the Secretary of State.
De-Delegations and Education Management Function 2027/28	To agree the proposed 2027/28 De-delegated Services and Education Management Functions.
19 January 2027	
DSG Deficit Management Plan and SEND Reforms	To receive an update on the plan and strategies in place for the deficit management plan and SEND Reforms.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2027/28 Budget – Schools, Early Years and Central	To receive a report on the DSG 2027/28 provisional settlement and consider proposed budget for Schools Block, Early Years Block and Central School Services Block.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2026/27 Outturn	To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn.
Whitecross PFI contract - triennial review	To review the financial position of the Whitecross PFI contract and inform Schools Forum of any necessary action.
19 March 2027 9:30am	
DSG Deficit Management Plan and SEND Reforms	To receive an update on the plan and strategies in place for the deficit management plan and SEND Reforms.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2026/27 Outturn	To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2027/28 Budget – High Needs	To consider proposed 2027/28 budget for the High Needs Block.
16 July 2027 9:30am	
DSG Deficit Management Plan and SEND Reforms	To receive an update on the plan and strategies in place for the deficit management plan and SEND Reforms.
Dedicated Schools Grant 2026/27 Outturn	To receive an update on the DSG outturn for 2026/27.
Central Services Schools Block – Service Updates	To receive an update from the services provided to schools as part of the Central Services Schools Block (CSSB) for 2027/28.

Revisions to Herefordshire's Scheme for Financing Schools	To review and update the Forum on changes to the scheme.
Annual review of membership	To review the membership of the Schools Forum to ensure proportionality.
Work programme 2027/28	To approve dates for meetings and the work programme for the forum for 2027/28 academic year.