

**SCHOOLS FORUM WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26**

<b>24 October 2025</b>	
Appointments	To appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Forum. To appoint a chairperson for the Budget Working Group if required
Local and National Schools Funding Update	To seek the view of the forum on local and national school funding issues, including any recommendations of the budget working group.
Work programme 2025/26	To review the work programme and identify any additional items the forum wishes to consider.
<b>23 January 2026</b>	
Dedicated Schools Grant settlement	To receive a report on the DSG settlement and consider proposed schools budget 2025/26 (subject to DfE national formula).
Budget Working Group	To receive a report on the activities of the Budget Working Group not covered elsewhere on the agenda. (recurring item)
<b>20 March 2026</b>	
High needs budget proposals 2025/26	To consider proposals for the allocation of the high needs funding block for 2025/26 (subject to DfE national formula).
Budget Working Group	To receive a report on the activities of the Budget Working Group not covered elsewhere on the agenda. (recurring item)
<b>10 July 2026</b>	
Local and National Schools Funding Update	To receive any updates on funding arrangements.
Annual review of membership	To review the membership of the Schools Forum to ensure proportionality.
Dates of meetings and Work programme 2026/27	To approve dates for meetings and the work programme for the forum for 2026/27 academic year
Budget Working Group	To receive a report on the activities of the Budget Working Group not covered elsewhere on the agenda. (recurring item)