

Gloucestershire Schools Forum – Workplan 2019

Schools' Forum Date	10 January 2019
Type of Decision	For information
Background Documents	None
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Purpose of Report	To inform members of the items requiring the Forum's input in 2019.
Key Recommendations	To note the Schools Forum Workplan 2019
Resource Implications	None.

1. The attached workplan provides a guide for members of the items scheduled to be considered by the Forum at the meetings throughout 2019.

2. The key priorities for the Schools Forum in 2019 are:

2.1 Mainstream funding

- To agree an approach to school funding for 2020/21 in the light of the impact on pupils and schools of the current allocation of funding. To make representations to government on education funding, as an individual Forum or as part of wider campaign.

2.2 High needs

- To review the strategic approach to managing spending on high needs, particularly in the light of the outcome of the summer 2018 consultation.
- To monitor spending and data trends.

2.3 Early years

- To review the childcare market and its impact on children, parents and the school system.
- To agree any changes to the early years funding model for 2019/20.

2.4 Role and functions of the Forum

To reassess the role and impact of the Forum in the light of its statutory responsibilities, current priorities in school funding and any developments in government guidance.

3. The Forum is asked to note the workplan for 2019.

Schools Forum Workplan 2019

Meeting date	Item	Purpose	Content/Issue	Lead officer
Thursday 10 January	Gloucestershire County Council Budget Consultation 2019/20	Information	Consultation.	Suzanne Hall
	Funding Formula 2019/20	Decision	Decisions on the local funding formula for mainstream funding. Commentary on funding announcements for 2019/20.	Stewart King/Neil Egles
	Early Years Funding	Decision	Agree the funding formula for 2019/20.	Stewart King
	High Needs	Information	Update on high needs.	Stewart King
	F40	Information	Update only – may be oral.	Stewart King
	Schools Forum Workplan	Decision	Workplan for 2019.	Stewart King/ Joanne Bolton
	Elections 2019	Information	Plans for Schools Forum Elections 2019.	Stewart King/ Joanne Bolton
February (date to be confirmed)	High Needs Seminar			Stewart King

Thursday 09 May	Dedicated Schools Grant 2018/19	Decision	Update on high needs and early years block.	Lead Commission for Education Strategy and Development Gareth Vine Lead Commissioner for Education Strategy and Development
	High Needs	Information	To receive an update on high needs.	
	Capital	Information	To Review the Capital Programme for 2020/21 and beyond.	
	Annual Review of the Constitution	Decision	To seek the Forum's views on the constitution/membership.	
	F40	Information	Update – may be oral.	
Thursday 20 June	Outturn and school balances 2018/19	Information	Spending against DSG & DSG balances.	Suzanne Hall/Neil Egles Lead Commissioner for Education Strategy and Development Joanne Bolton
	High Needs	Information	To receive an update on high needs.	
	F40	Information	Update only – may be oral.	
	Meeting dates 2019	Information	To note meeting dates in 2019.	

Thursday 19 September	School Funding 2020/21 High Needs F40	Decision Information Information	To consider the formula for 2020/21, de- delegations etc. Update – may be oral.	Lead Commissioner for Education Strategy and Development
Thursday 14 November	School funding 2020/21 High Needs F40	Decision Information Information	To consider the outcome of wider consultation with schools and to make recommendations to the council on the funding formula To receive an update on high needs. Update – may be oral.	Lead Commission for Education Strategy and Development/ Suzanne Hall/ Neil Egles Lead Commissioner for Education Strategy and Development