

Gloucestershire Schools Forum Workplan 2023	
Schools' Forum Date	13 January 2023
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 2023
Key Recommendations	To note the Schools Forum Workplan 2023

1. The attached workplan provides a guide for members, of the items scheduled to be considered by the Forum at the meetings throughout 2023.

2. The key priorities for the Schools Forum in 2023 are:

2.1 Mainstream funding

- To evaluate the impact of the National Funding Formula changes and the 2023/24 supplementary grant on school funding in Gloucestershire.
- Respond to any Government consultations about proposed changes to the National Funding Formula and the move to a Hard National Funding Formula.
- To ensure effective oversight of LA maintained schools in deficit or at risk of deficit is maintained and that recovery plans are in place for all schools in deficit.
- To make representations to government on education funding, as an individual Forum or as part of wider campaign.

2.2 High Needs

- To monitor spending and data trends against the planned budget for 2023/24.
- To review the impact of key development work delivered through the SEND and Inclusion strategies.
- To support the design and development of a new 'whole school' targeted support model to replace the 1 in 40 model.
- To play an active role in monitoring and supporting Gloucestershire's engagement in the DfE's delivering better value in SEND programme.

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, including the use of any annual surplus generated in the Early Years Block.

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. Recommendation

The Forum is asked to note the workplan for 2023.

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Meeting date	Item	Purpose	Content/Issue	Lead officer
Thursday 12 January	Gloucestershire County Council Budget Consultation 2023/24	Information	Consultation.	Suzanne Hall
	Dedicated Schools Grant 2023/24	Decision	Decisions on the local funding formula for mainstream funding. Commentary on funding announcements for 2023/24.	Philip Haslett/Neil Egles
	Early Years Funding	Decision	To agree the funding formula for 2023/24.	Sarah Hylton/Suzanne Hall
	High Needs	Information	Update on High Needs forecast for 2022/23 and budget planning for 2023/24.	Philip Haslett
	F40	Information	Update on key activity through the F40 group – may be verbal.	Philip Haslett
	Schools Forum Workplan	Information	To note the workplan for 2023.	Philip Haslett
Thursday 15 June	Outturn and school balances 2022/23	Information	To note spend against DSG & DSG balances. To provide an overview of LA maintained school budget performance.	Suzanne Hall/Neil Egles
	High Needs	Decision	To approve the High Needs budget for 2023/24.	Philip Haslett
	F40	Information	Update on key activity through the F40 group – may be verbal.	Philip Haslett
	Meeting dates 2024	Information	To note the meeting dates in 2024.	Jo Bolton

Thursday 14 September	School Funding 2024/25	Decision	To consider the formula for 2024/25 and make decisions regarding LA maintained school de-delegations.	Philip Haslett
	High Needs	Information	To receive an update on High Needs budget performance for 2023/24 and impact of development work	Philip Haslett
	Capital	Information	To receive an update on capital funding allocations and expenditure, progress on major capital projects and funding priorities for 2024/25.	Gareth Vine
	F40	Information	Update on key activity through the F40 group – may be verbal.	Philip Haslett
Thursday 9 November	School Funding 2024/25	Decision	To assess the impact of any additional funding announcements/details for 2024/25.	Philip Haslett Suzanne Hall/ Neil Egles
	High Needs	Information	To receive an update on High Heeds and agree approach to 2024/25 budget (based on consultation outcome).	Philip Haslett
	F40	Information	Update on key activity through the F40 group – may be verbal.	Philip Haslett
Working Group	High Needs Budget	Consultation and design	To play an active role in informing, guiding and implementing changes to the local High Needs funding systems to support high quality and sustainable provision.	Philip Haslett