

Schools Forum forward plan 2025/26

Schools Forum date	Driver for date	Agenda items	Purpose	Responsible officer	Comments
June 2025	No external requirements	School balances 2024/25 outturn	Information	Lucie McAulay/Alex Russell	
		DSG 2024/25 outturn	Information	Lucie McAulay/Shirley Maidens	
		Review of De-delegated budgets	Information	Phil Evans	
October 2025	Get views from SF before consultation	DSG budget monitoring 2024/25	Information	Lucie McAulay/Shirley Maidens	
		School funding update 2026/27, including consultation plans	Information	Lucie McAulay	
		DSG Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2030/31	Information	Lucie McAulay	
November 2025	Assume consultation the week before and after half term then need time to clear reports before SF. Disapplication deadline usually mid November, SF needs to be before this.	School funding formula arrangements 2026/27, including any transfers of funding between the DSG blocks	Decision and consultation	Lucie McAulay/Alex Russell	
January 2026	APT deadline is middle of January, SF needs to be before this. Final funding figures received from ESFA at end of December. Need as much time as possible at start of January to do modelling before SF meeting.	Final school funding arrangements 2026/27	Information	Lucie McAulay	
		De-delegation 2026/27 decision	Decision	Lucie McAulay	
February 2026	Approval of EY funding by SF before end of Feb. Can't hold SF meeting during half term.	Free Early Education Entitlement rates and centrally retained funding 2026/27	Decision and consultation	Chris Sutton	
		High Needs Budget 2026/27	Information	Lucie McAulay / Shirely Maidens	
		DSG budget monitoring 2025/26	Information	Lucie McAulay/Shirley Maidens	