

# West Northamptonshire Schools Forum

**A meeting of the West Northamptonshire Schools Forum will be held at the Council Chamber, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 2.00 pm**

## Agenda

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence and Forum Membership Changes</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> (Pages 5 - 16) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chair for 2023-24</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Early Years Funding 2024-25</b> (Pages 17 - 36) Outcome of consultation and final proposals  Rehana Karim / Beth Baines
<b>6.</b>	<b>2023-24 DSG Monitoring</b> (Pages 37 - 42) Emily Cooledge
<b>7.</b>	<b>DSG Funding Update 2024-25</b> (Pages 43 - 46) Emily Cooledge

8.	<p><b>WNC Budget Proposals 2024-25</b> Emily Cooledge – verbal update</p>
9.	<p><b>High Needs Project update</b> (Pages 47 - 74) Andy Pymm</p>
10.	<p><b>Forward Plan</b></p> <p><b>Standing items (if required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSG Monitoring</li> <li>• DfE / ESFA Funding announcements</li> <li>• School Budgets</li> <li>• High Needs</li> <li>• Early Years</li> <li>• National Funding Formula</li> </ul> <p><b>May 2024</b></p> <p>Election of Chair for 2024-25 Election of Vice Chair for 2024-25 Administrative arrangements for allocation of central government grants</p> <p><b>July 2024</b></p> <p>DSG Provisional Outturn including carry forward requests and school balances Schools Funding 2025-26 consultation– process and timelines Early Years Funding 2025-26 consultation– process and timelines</p> <p><b>October 2024</b></p> <p>Schools Funding 2025-26 – consultation proposals</p> <p><b>December 2024</b></p> <p>Schools Funding 2025-26 – outcome of consultation and final proposals – votes required on individual items. Early Years Funding 2025-26 – consultation proposals</p> <p><b>February 2025</b></p> <p>Early Years Funding 2025-26 – outcome of consultation and consideration of final proposals, including vote on central expenditure. WNC Budget Proposals 2025-26 Schools Forum meeting dates 2025-26</p> <p><b>Proposed Schools Forum meeting dates for 2024-25</b></p> <p>Tuesday 14 May 2024 Tuesday 2 July 2024 Tuesday 22 October 2024 Wednesday 11 December 2024 Tuesday 4 February 2025</p>

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**11. Urgent Business**

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Catherine Whitehead  
Proper Officer  
6 February 2024

**West Northamptonshire Schools Forum Members:**

Peter French

James Shryane

Vanessa Bradley

Rachel Martin

Karen Lewis

Thomas Goodridge

Eliza Hollis

Paul Wheeler

Dan York

Lee Hughes

Jon Lake

Iain Massey

Hayley Walker

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