



# 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 Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Agenda

1.	<b>Apologies for absence and Forum Membership Changes</b>
2.	<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.
3.	<b>Minutes</b> (Pages 5 - 16) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022.
4.	<b>Early Years Budgets 2023-24</b> (Pages 17 - 24) Outcome of consultation and consideration of proposals.
5.	<b>2022-23 DSG Monitoring</b> (Pages 25 - 30) Emily Cooledge
6.	<b>DSG Funding Update 2023-24</b> (Pages 31 - 42) Beth Baines
7.	<b>WNC Final Budget Proposals 2023-24</b> a) General overview - Emily Cooledge (verbal update) b) Schools PFI update – Simon Bowers (verbal update)

8.	<p><b>SEND Improvement Update</b> (Pages 43 - 52) Andy Pymm</p>
9.	<p><b>Forward Plan</b></p> <p>Standing items (if required)</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 2023</b> Election of Chair Election of Vice Chair SEND Green Paper implications Schools Apprentice Levy Update Administrative arrangements for allocation of central government grants</p> <p><b>July 2023</b> Provisional DSG and Schools 2022-23 outturn Schools Funding consultation 2024-25 – process and timelines Early Years funding consultation 2024-25 – process and timelines</p> <p><b>October 2023</b> Schools Funding 2024-25 – consultation proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools funding formula and Specialist Services</li> <li>• Split Site Funding Policy</li> <li>• Growth Fund and weighted numbers for new schools / year groups</li> <li>• Central Schools Services budgets 2024-25</li> <li>• Maintained schools de-delegations (School Improvement Grant, Trade Union Facility Time, Redundancy Support)</li> </ul> <p><b>December 2023</b> Schools Funding 2024-25 - outcome of consultation and final proposals – votes required on individual items. Early Years Central Expenditure 2024-25 – consultation proposals</p> <p><b>February 2024</b> Early Years Budget 2024-25 –outcome of consultation and consideration of final proposals, including vote on central expenditure. WNC Budget Proposals 2024-25</p>

	<b>Proposed Schools Forum Dates 2023/24</b> Tuesday 23 May 2023 Tuesday 4 July 2023 Wednesday 18 October 2023 Wednesday 13 December 2023 Tuesday 6 February 2024 Wednesday 15 May 2024
<b>10.</b>	<b>Urgent Business</b> The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Catherine Whitehead  
Proper Officer  
31 January 2023

**West Northamptonshire Schools Forum Members:**

Beccy Merritt	Louise Samways
Peter French	Paul Wheeler
James Shryane	Dan York
Vanessa Bradley	Lee Hughes
Rachel Martin	Jon Lake
Karen Lewis	Iain Massey
Jenny Thorpe	Hayley Walker
Rod Warsap	Eliza Hollis

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