



<b>Report to:</b>	<b>SCHOOLS' FORUM</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 March 2024
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Deborah Myers – Assistant Director of Education Ashely Hughes – Director of Resources (S151 Officer)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>SCHOOLS' FORUM FORWARD PLAN 2024-25</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	Provide members of Schools Forum with the Forward Plan of reports and meeting dates for the Financial Year 2024/25.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Members of Schools Forum are requested to note the meeting dates set out for 2024/25 and the reports to be tabled at each meeting.
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	The Schools Forum decision making, supports the Corporate Plan by supporting best use of resources to ensure children have the very best start in life, ensuring children are ready to learn and encouraged to thrive and develop.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Overall effective use of resources across Tameside schools is a key component in the Authority's Annual Use of Resources Statement.
<b>Financial Implications:</b> (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report, however an effective Schools Forum supports good stewardship and good use of resources.
<b>Legal Implications:</b> (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	The report provides the forward plan of reports and meeting dates for the forthcoming Financial Year in relation to the Schools Forum. The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2261) govern the composition, constitution and procedures of Schools Forums. There is a legal requirement for the Schools Forum to meet for a minimum of four times per year.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	There are no direct risk management implications as a result of this report.
<b>Access to Information:</b>	<b>NON-CONFIDENTIAL</b>  This report does not contain information, which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.
<b>Background Information:</b>	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting  Telephone: 0161 342 3044  e-mail: <a href="mailto:Jerome.francis@tameside.gov.uk">Jerome.francis@tameside.gov.uk</a>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the timetable and schedule of meetings and reports to be presented for the upcoming year, forming a forward plan. The plan will enable forum members to be kept informed of items to be tabled for consideration.

## 2. TIMETABLE

- 2.1 The meeting dates for the 2024/25 financial year for Schools Forum have now been set and proposed as detailed below. Setting the annual schedule of dates in advance assists Forum Members with diary planning.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Zoom
Tuesday 24 September 2024	Zoom
Tuesday 26 November 2024	Zoom
Thursday 16 January 2025 <b>or</b> Tuesday 21 January 2025*	Dukinfield Town Hall

*\*TBC – Will confirm once DfE forward plan for School Funding Submission is released. This is to enable the maximum amount of time from the funding announcements, which are expected just before Christmas to be worked into a final plan for Forum’s consideration.*

- 2.3 Dates may be subject to change. The following meeting date is confirmed at the end of each meeting.

## 3. FORWARD PLAN

- 3.1 The table below summarises the forward plan of reports to be considered at each meeting by Schools Forum.

<b>Forum Meeting</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
June	DSG Outturn 2023/24 and 2024/25 Update	Noting
	School Balances including Review of School Balance Mechanism Scheme	Noting/Approval
	Scheme of Financing for Schools	Noting/Approval
	SEND DBV and Deficit Recovery Plan Update	Noting/Approval
September	Forum Membership	Approval
	Schools Balances	Noting/Approval
	Schools Financial Values Standard Returns	Noting
	School Funding Update on NFF and Summer Announcements from DfE	Noting
	Consultation of Funding Formula (Schools Block)	Noting
	DSG Monitoring 2024/25 Update	Noting
	SEND DBV and Deficit Recovery Plan Update	Noting/Approval
Deficit Recovery Plan Update	Noting	
November	DSG Monitoring 2024/25 Update	Update
	Outcome of consultation of Funding Formula (Schools Block)	Noting
	De-delegation Items (Schools Block)	Noting

January	DSG Monitoring 2024/25 Update	Noting
	Formula Funding 2025/26	Approval
	SEND DBV and Deficit Recovery Plan Update	Noting/Approval
	Schools Forum Forward Plan	Noting

- 3.2 Further reports may be added to the agenda where Schools Forum involvement is necessary throughout the year.
- 3.3 The DfE recommends periodic review of the effectiveness of Schools Forum and provides a self-assessment tool to support this review, which can be found at the link below. Schools Forum are asked to consider building this into the work plan for 2024/25.  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ecfb300e90e0754cc92fb20/Schools\\_forum\\_self-assessment\\_checklist.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ecfb300e90e0754cc92fb20/Schools_forum_self-assessment_checklist.pdf)

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 As set out at the front of the report.