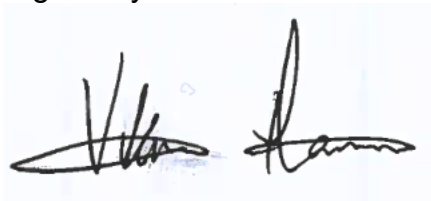


LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE: Schools Forum Work Programme and Action Tracker 2024/25	
REPORT OF: Director of Education and Inclusion	
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Schools Forum	DATE: 4 December 2024
SUMMARY OF REPORT: This report sets out the work plan for the Schools Forum for the remainder of the 2024/25 school year (Appendix 1) and provides an update on actions requested at previous meetings (Appendix 2). Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information: No documents that are required to be listed were used in the preparation of this report. Contact Officer: Nick Smith, Head of Education Commissioning and School Organisation 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG Tel: 020 7974 1149 Email: nicholas.smith@camden.gov.uk	
RECOMMENDATIONS: The Schools Forum is asked to note the Work Programme for 2024-25 at Appendix 1 and the Action Tracker at Appendix 2.	

Signed by:



Vikram Hansrani Director of Education and Inclusion

Date: 4 December 2024

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 A work programme of key reports that officers intend to submit to the Schools Forum during the 2024/25 is set out in Appendix 1. Suggestions and proposals from each meeting can be incorporated into the programme as the year progresses.
- 1.2 In considering additions to the work programme, the Forum should have regard to its functions, which are set out in its Terms of Reference as follows:-

The authority will consult the Schools Forum on:

(a) Formula changes - any proposed changes to the factors & criteria and the methods, principles and rules that are contained within the Funding Formula and the financial impact of any such changes. Consultation shall take place in sufficient time to allow the views expressed by the forum to be taken into account in the determination of the formula and in the initial determination of schools budget shares before the beginning of the financial year.

(b) Contracts - at least one month prior to the issue of invitations to tender consult the forum on the terms of any proposed contract for supplies or services being a contract paid or to be paid out of the local authority's schools budget where either:

- the estimated value of the proposed public services contract is not less than the specific threshold which applies to the local authority in pursuance of Regulation 7(1) of the Public Services Contracts Regulations 1993; or
- the estimated value of the proposed public supply contract is not less than the specific threshold which applies to the local authority in pursuance of Regulation 7(2) of the Public Supply Contracts Regulations 1995.

(c) Financial issues - the local authority shall consult the forum annually in respect of the authority's functions relating to the schools budget, in connection with the following:

- Arrangements to be made for
 - the education of pupils with special educational needs;
 - the use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school;
 - early years education;
 - insurance;
 - free school meals.
- Prospective revisions to the local authority's scheme for the financing of schools;
- Administrative arrangements for the allocation of central government grants paid to schools via the local authority;
- Arrangements for the implementation of support to schools in financial difficulty.
- such other matters concerning the funding of schools as the local authority sees

(d) the authority may consult the Forum on such other matters concerning the funding of schools as they see fit, and shall take into account any views expressed by the forum.

1.3 An action tracker of actions arising at meetings is set out in Appendix 2.

2. Meeting dates in 2024/25 school year

- Wednesday 4th December 2024
- Wednesday 5th February 2025
- Wednesday 4th June 2025

3. Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor

The Borough Solicitor has considered the report and has no comments to add.

4. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make.

5. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Work Programme
Appendix 2 – Action Tracker

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