

Appendix 1 – Schools Forum Work Programme 2024/25

4 December 2024

Education Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication of the notional National Funding Formula (NFF) figures to be allocated to the overall schools budget • Initial forecasts of the 2023/24 Early Years and High Needs DSG outturn, future budgets requirements planned DSG spending.
School Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and contract award review

5 February 2025

Education Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note and agree the latest estimates of individual schools and growth budgets • To note and the provisional Early Years funding rates if available • To provide any comment or concerns regarding the anticipated funding levels. • To identify any areas of funding for review in autumn.
Early Years Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide Forum with a report on Early Years Funding including CLIF
SEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the High Needs Sub-group and update of the High Needs Block spending.
School Place Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on School Place Planning implementation options

4 June 2025

Education Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the outturn for all the blocks of the DSG • To note the current level of funding and the range of current and future funding challenges regarding schools' funding • To note the issues and support around any additional government support • To provide advice to the authority regarding the type of any ongoing support that would assist schools in improving financial planning • To agree the use of any reserve remaining in the Schools and Central Schools Services block.
SEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the High Needs Subgroup • Funding position and Banding rates