

Notice of Schools Forum



Date: Monday, 18 November 2024 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL / Via MS Teams

Membership:

Chairman:

Geoff Cherrill Maintained Special

Vice-Chairman:

Patrick Earnshaw	Academies - Secondary
Kate Carter	Academies - Primary
Esther Curry	Academies - Primary
Kate Curtis	Academies - Primary
Sean Preston	Academies - Primary
Heather Spring	Academies - Primary
Vacancy	Academies - Primary
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Mark Avoth	Academies - Secondary
P Gray	Academies - Secondary
M Dyer	Academies - Secondary
J Sankey	Academies - Secondary
Vacancy	Academies - Secondary
Ben Doyle	All Through Academies
Jon Webb	Special Academies
Russell Arnold	Alternative Provision Academy
Vacancy	Maintained Primary
Chris Barnett	Maintained Secondary
Phillip Gavin	Mainstream PRU
Vicky Peters	Early Years
Linda Duly	Early Years
Vacancy	Catholic Diocese
Richard Wharton	C of E Diocese Representative

All Members of the Schools Forum are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

Members of the public may attend this meeting in person at the venue listed above. Papers can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5771>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston email democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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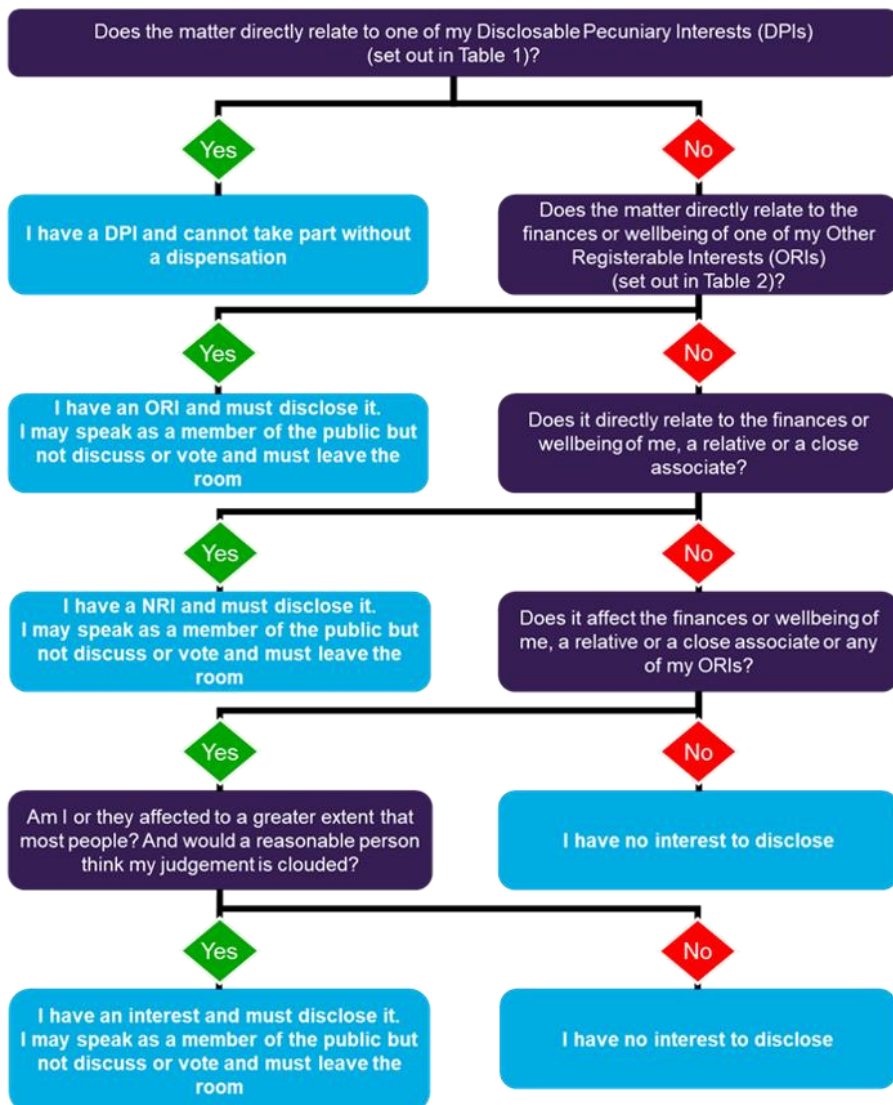


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(janie.berry@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance. Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 September 2024, as a correct record.

4. Finance Update – 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Budget Monitoring and 2025-26 Financial Settlement, and School Block Transfer to High Needs

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This report provides the latest DSG budget monitoring for 2024-25, with the DSG funding gap estimated at £44.5m (compared with the budget gap of £28m) and an accumulated deficit at March 2025 of £108m.

Due to the change in government, there is delay in the DfE issuing the DSG information for 2025-26. General policy announcements have been made to enable local authorities to consider their local mainstream formula and whether any disapplication of the expected regulations will be needed. This report includes consideration of the local mainstream formula and a transfer of school block funding to high needs.

The deadline for disapplication requests remains according to the usual annual timescale of 18 November 2024. DfE accept that consultation with schools and Schools Forum will not have concluded by that date.

5. 5 Year High Needs Forecast

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This report sets out the detailed forecast for the high needs block (HNB) of the DSG in 2024-25 and the following 4 years.

The in-year shortfall in funding next year (2025-26) is forecast to be £60.2million before any contribution from schools block. A further increase to £70.7million in 2026-27 is expected before the increases to the shortfall begin to slow in 2027-28 and 2028-29. The cumulative deficit at the end of March 2029 is forecast to be £384.7million assuming the transfer from schools block is supported.

6. Early Years Single Funding Formula 2025/26

To Follow

7. Schools Forum Membership

The current schools Forum Membership vacancies are:

Maintained Primary Sector (governor representative)
Primary Academies Sector x2
Secondary Academies Sector
14-19 Sector
Diocese Representatives (Roman Catholic)

8. Forward Plan

To consider and note the Forward Plan

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9. Dates of Future Meetings

To note the future meeting dates as follows:

- 13 January 2025
- 23 June 2025
- 29 September 2025
- 24 November 2025
- 19 January 2026
- 22 June 2026

10. Any Other Business

To consider any other business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.