

SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action



For Information

**Brief Description of Item** (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

To ask the Schools Forum to initially consider proposals for, and to agree for a consultation to take place with maintained schools on, the amendment of the Council's Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and School Contract Standing Orders, and subsequent amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools.

Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

The Forum has been informed verbally in the last 2 meetings about the Authority's anticipated consultation on amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools as now set out. These amendments however, have not been formally considered previously.

Background / Context

Please see Appendix 1.

Details of the Item for Consideration

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The Schools Finance Regulations permit the Local Authority to amend the provisions within the Scheme, subject to the approval of the Schools Forum. Provision 1.4 within the current Scheme states that, "Any proposed revisions to the Scheme will be the subject of consultation with schools maintained by the Local Authority, before the proposed revisions are submitted to the Schools Forum for their approval." Where the Schools Forum does not approve the Local Authority's proposals for amendment, the Local Authority has the right of appeal to the Secretary of State, who will make a final judgement.

If it is agreed for consultation to go ahead, the outcomes of consultation will be presented to the Schools Forum on 19 September. The Forum is asked to note that, following the Forum's discussion and decision on 19 September, the Financial Regulations for Maintained Schools and the School Contract Standing Orders will be presented to the Authority's Governance & Audit Committee. The Authority intends to implement the agreed amendments as soon as possible following the completion of the consultation and decision making processes.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

None

Recommendations

The Schools Forum is asked to initial consider the proposed amendments set out in Document IY and to agree for a consultation to take place with maintained schools on these amendments.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – Consultation of SFFS, FRfMS and SCSOs July 2018

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