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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Devon Education  
Forum

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## **DEVON EDUCATION FORUM**

Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023

A meeting of the Devon Education Forum is to be held on the above date at 10.00 am at Committee Suite - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson  
Chief Executive

## **A G E N D A**

### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023, attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

4 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting and Report back on Issues Raised with Cabinet/f40

To consider any matters arising from the last meeting where not otherwise covered on this agenda and to report on items considered at the Cabinet.

5 Membership (incl Appointment of Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement)

(a) Appointment of Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement (new position)

To report that following this new DCC position wef 1 September 2023, Councillor Lois Samuel has been appointed to DEF as: Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement, Formal Observer (non-voting).

This position is in addition to that of: Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools, Formal Observer (non-voting).

Urgency procedures have been used following consultation with DCC and all DEF Members (September 2023), to approve this additional DEF position (and with Councillor Samuel invited to this meeting).

(b) Any other membership changes to be reported at the meeting.

6 Education and Learning Update (Pages 9 - 22)  
(10.10am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/23/12), attached.

**SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

7 Finance Update (Pages 23 - 44)  
(10.40am)

(a)(i) Minutes of the Schools Finance Group (SFG), 13 September 2023, attached; and

(a)(ii) Minutes of the Schools Finance Group (SFG), 6 November 2023\*, attached.

Also available at

[Schools Finance Group \(SFG\) – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/schools-finance-group)

\*see also separate AWPU agenda item below arising from SFG; and

(b) Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/23/13) attached.

8 2024-25 Schools Funding Arrangements Consultation Responses (Pages 45 - 54)  
(11am)

Report of the Director of Finance & Public Value and Director of Children and Young Peoples Futures (DEF/23/14), attached.

9 Transfer of AWPU for Reasons other than Permanent Exclusion (Pages 55 - 58)  
(11.35am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/23/15), attached.

10 Update on Devon's SEND Transformation Programme (Pages 59 - 62)  
(11.50am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/23/16), attached.

## **STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION**

11 Standing (and other) Groups (Pages 63 - 72)  
(12.20pm)

To review action and receive minutes for the Forum from its standing groups (excepting Schools Finance Group above) and to receive summary/minutes from other groups:-

(a) Standing Groups

(i) School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023, attached

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[School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Group \(SOCA\) – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/school-organisation-capital-and-admissions-group-soca-education-and-families)

(ii) High Needs Funding Sub Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023, attached

(b) Other Groups

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12 Correspondence

13 Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings at 10am. Please check venue/arrangements

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

Wednesday 24 January 2024 (revised date)

Wednesday 20 March 2024.

2024/25 Calendar:-

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Wednesday 20 Nov 2024

Wednesday 22 Jan 2025

Wednesday 19 March 2025.

(Close: 12.30pm)

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