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To: The Chair and Members
of the Devon Education
Forum

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DEVON EDUCATION FORUM

Wednesday, 24th January, 2024

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 - 10)

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 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

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

6 Deputy Director and Head of Education Update
(10.05am)

Deputy Director and Head of Education to report.

7 Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Transformation Programme Update (Pages 11 - 14)

(10.30am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/24/02), attached.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

8 Finance Update
(10.50am)

a Schools Finance Group (SFG) Minutes (Pages 15 - 22)

Minutes of the Schools Finance Group (SFG), 12 January 2024, attached.

Also available at

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

b High Needs Group Minutes (Pages 23 - 26)

Minutes of the High Needs Group, 8 January 2024, attached.

c Finance Update (Pages 27 - 38)

Joint Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/24/03) attached.

d 2024/25 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Settlement (Pages 39 - 42)

Joint Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/24/04) attached.

e Schools Funding Consultation Proposal 4 (Transfer of 0.5% Schools Block to High Needs Block) (Pages 43 - 48)

Joint Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/24/05) attached. Additionally, there is a report on the summary of survey responses by Devon School Leadership Services (DSLS) CIO (DEF/24/06) attached.

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS

ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION

9 Standing (and other) Groups (Pages 49 - 54)
(11.50am)

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

(a) Standing Groups

School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023, attached

Also available at

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

(b) Other Groups

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10 Correspondence

11 Dates of Future Meetings

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

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Wednesday 20 Nov 2024

Wednesday 22 Jan 2025

Wednesday 19 March 2024.

(12.00) CLOSE

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