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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Devon Education  
Forum

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**DEVON EDUCATION FORUM**

Wednesday, 20th March, 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 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 10)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2024, attached.

4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

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

5 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.

6 Membership

**SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

7 Deputy Director and Head of Education Update (Pages 11 - 24) (10.10am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/24/07), attached.

8 Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Transformation Programme Update (Pages 25 - 28) (10.35am)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/24/08), attached.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

9 Finance (11.00am)

- a Schools Finance Group (SFG) Minutes (Pages 29 - 32)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 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 Funding Sub Group Minutes (Pages 33 - 36)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2024, attached.

- c Finance Update (Pages 37 - 48)  
Joint Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/24/09), attached.

**STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION**

10 Standing (and other) Groups (Pages 49 - 54) (12.00pm)

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

(a) Standing Groups School Organisation, Capital and Admissions (SOCA)

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024, 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/soca)

(b) Other Groups

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11 Correspondence

12 Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings at 10am. Please check venue/arrangements

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

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Wednesday 20 Nov 2024

Wednesday 22 Jan 2025

Wednesday 19 March 2025.

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