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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Devon Education  
Forum

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Date: 13 March 2025

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### **DEVON EDUCATION FORUM**

Wednesday, 19th March, 2025

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 (and Welcome new Members)

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest, over and above any general interest arising from being a teacher or governor of a school.

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2025, 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 Inclusion and Learning Update (Pages 13 - 34)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/25/06), attached.

8 Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Transformation Programme Update (Pages 35 - 42)

Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures (DEF/25/07), attached.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

9 Finance

- a Schools Finance Group (SFG) Minutes (Pages 43 - 48)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025, 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 Finance Update (Pages 49 - 60)

Joint Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Futures and Director of Finance and Public Value (DEF/25/08) attached.

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION**

**STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND INFORMATION**

10 Standing (and other) Groups (Pages 61 - 66)

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

(a) Standing Groups

School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2025, attached.

Also available at

[School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Group \(SOCA\) – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

(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 18 June 2025

Wednesday 19 Nov 2025

Wednesday 21 Jan 2026

Wednesday 18 March 2026.

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