

Schools Forum

Thursday 13 November 2025

Face to Face

Schools Forum online meeting

- In order to facilitate the smooth operation of the meeting:
- Please mute your microphones when not speaking
- Officers will briefly present their reports, using a PowerPoint presentation to get across the key aspects
- Use the 'Raise your hand' facility if you would like to raise a question or comment
- Alternatively use 'Chat' to advise the Chair that you would like to speak
- Turn off your video if bandwidth becomes an issue
- Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be posted on YouTube



Paper A
Minutes and Matters Arising
11 September 2025
(Bill Dowell)

Minutes and matters arising - 11 September 2025

	Action	Name	Update
1.	Broader communication to all schools and colleges to be circulated in relation to Shropshire Council financial position	JR	
2.	Draft letter to be shared with Andy and Neil for their input and review before sending.	CE/JR	
3.	Expression of interest in joining Schools Forum to fill vacancies confirmed to be sent out. Will add on weekly Schools update email.	SB/JR	EOI issued in October 2025. No response relating to any additional support to vacancies
4.	HNB Monitoring Group interest to be shared at next Forum meeting for meeting to be scheduled	SB/JR	JR to provide verbal update

Verbal Update on Shropshire Council Financial Sustainability (John Rowe)

Paper B

Central Retention of Dedicated Schools Grant from April 2026 (Stephen Waters)



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Paper C

Dedicated Schools Grant Monitoring 2025-26 (Stephen Waters)

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Verbal Update on HNB Monitoring Group and Severndale Funding Arrangements (John Rowe)

Verbal Update on Capital allocation works (Andy Nicholls)

Communications

(Bill Dowell)

f40 opinion piece

<https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/now-time-grasp-nettle-around-send-reform-fairer-education-funding>

Schools Week

[SEND: Urgently set out plan for 'cliff-edge', MPs tell DfE](#)

Finance Briefings for schools and forum members (Dates TBC and circulated)
Covering NFF, DSG management, and de-delegation options