

	<b>Schools Forum</b> 18 June 2025
	<b>Report from the Corporate Director  Children, Young People and  Community Development</b>
<b>Updated Scheme for Financing Schools &amp; Schools Financial Regulations 2025/26</b>	
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b>	N/A
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	Four Appendix A: Scheme for Financing Schools 2025/26 Appendix B: Scheme for Financing Schools 2025/26 Summary of changes Appendix C: Schools Financial Regulations 2025/26 Appendix D: Schools Financial Regulations 2025/26 Summary of changes
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report details the changes to be implemented to the Scheme for Financing Schools and the Schools Financial Regulations for the financial year 2025/26.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. For all maintained school members of Schools Forum to vote and approve the amendments to the proposed changes to the 2025/26 Scheme for Financing Schools.
- 2.2. The Schools Forum is requested to note and comment on the Schools Financial Regulations 2025/26.

## 3. Detail

- 3.1. All changes applied in the revision are in line with the March 2025 Department for Education's Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools –

Statutory Guidance issued to Local Authorities, changes to the Local Authority's own regulations, the new EU Public Procurement Regulations and all relevant regulations.

- 3.2. The Scheme for Financing Schools for 2025/26 attached in Appendix A has been updated, with the summary of changes itemised in Appendix B. The changes will become immediately effective following Schools Forum approval.
- 3.3. The Schools Financial Regulations for 2025/26, attached as Appendix C, has been updated, with the summary of changes itemised in Appendix D. The changes will become immediately effective after consultation with Schools Forum.

#### **4. Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement**

- 4.1. Voting is open to all maintained school members of Schools Forum for the proposed changes to the 2025/26 Scheme for Financing Schools.
- 4.2. All maintained school members are invited to formally comment on the 2025/26 Schools Financial Regulations.

#### **5. Financial considerations**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for this report

#### **6. Legal considerations**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

#### **7. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) considerations**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

#### **8. Climate Change and Environmental Considerations**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

#### **9. Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)**

- 9.1 Not applicable.

#### **10.0 Communication Considerations**

- 10.1 All Schools Forum reports are published and available to members of the public and schools.

#### **Related document(s) for reference**

Prior year's reports to Schools Forum

**Report sign off:**

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