

Hampshire Schools Forum

Date 7 October 2025
Time 2pm
Location VIRTUAL

Present

Primary	Claire Hope, Ian Waine, John Littlewood, Peter Bassett Tina Nowell Sefton Lucas
Secondary	Chris Anders Chris Sermon, Keith Atton, Paul German,
Special	Justin Innes
Education Centre	Vicky Essex
Academy	Keith Norman, Kathryn Marshall Pete Main
TLP	Jo Ayres Susan Kent
Post 16/Diocese	David Woolley

Also Present Natalie Smith, Andrew Minall, Annabel Hodder, Alison Riley,
Anita Blackwell (Clerk) Alistair Goddard (Observer)

Apologies/ Absent

Nursery	Joan Kerr
Primary	June Kershaw, Kishor Patel, Stacey Parsons, Jason Anderson, <i>Fiona Wyeth</i> , Richard Austin
Special	<i>Marijke Miles</i> , Roy Cleaver
Other Members	<i>Diane Wycherley</i>
Academy	Hilary Manton, <i>Mark Maranda</i> , Susan Hamilton
Other Members	Sara Russell

1	Welcome and apologies.	
	Apologies received (in italics) and recorded as above	
2	Election of Vice Chair & Review of Constitution	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in agreement with constitution once formatting/ typo in line one amended. <p>Election of vice chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Littlewood recommended and all in agreement for John to take position of vice chair. 	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change since previous meeting 	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 July 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in agreement that the minutes of the last meeting are a true and accurate record of the meeting. 	

5	Actions Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of TSEND vs Benefits/impact – Requested that a simple communication to schools leaders be issued via schools comm – also to include reference to timeliness and quality - <i>COMPLETED</i>. • Comms requested to all headteachers about what is needed in areas as opposed to what is desirable. LH completing for Sept. – <i>COMPLETED</i> - Resourced Provision • How many more are likely to be built over the next five years? Only two being built but there will continue to be expansions. To consider at a future meeting areas of greater pressure. 	Agenda Item Dec 25
6	County Supplies Forthcoming Framework Agreements Affecting Schools – Andrew Minall	
	<p>Presentation circulated with agenda</p> <p>All in agreement with the recommendation in the report that Schools Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the schedule of tendering activity and collaborative framework agreements to be undertaken by County Supplies. • Determines whether the Committee requires additional information on any of the frameworks due to be let as shown in Appendix 1. • Receives a further update on forthcoming framework agreements of relevance to schools in twelve months' time. 	Agenda Item – Oct 26
7	Procurement Framework Arrangements Affecting Schools – Alison Riley	
	<p>Presentation circulated with agenda</p> <p>All in agreement with the recommendation in the report that Schools Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the framework/contracts available and the supporting information provided. <p>Link to website for further information - Contracting Direct Business and economy Hampshire County Council</p>	
8	Schools Budget Update – Andrew Minall	
	<p>Paper shared with agenda</p> <p>Questions/points raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation requested regarding suspended staff numbers increasing - HR are looking at the instances that are occurring and checking that appropriate use of fund and compliance with due process and policy. There have been some unusual instances and reviewing training (and provider) regarding physical intervention with children. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a QA Process in place around the exceptional circumstances / disapplication request relating to schools? Evidence is provided in the form of invoices and rental agreement for the small number of schools this applies to. • Regarding transport costs – what proportion of the pupils re outside of catchment/county with high costs? Costs are reduced wherever possible but can be high as it is the law that we provide transport to those with EHCP. <p>All voted and are in agreement with the recommendations in the report that Schools Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the update on the 2025/26 budget. • Notes the update on the 2026/27 funding for schools. • Supports the proposal to disapply the regulations in relation to exceptional premises costs for a small number of schools as outlined in 4.4. • Supports the proposal to apply for second year of lump sum protection for one school as outlined in 4.5. 	
	f40 Update – Andrew Minall	
	Presentation circulated with agenda	
	School Audit Findings – Andrew Minall	
	<p>Verbal update as school communications will be issued and HR colleagues will be briefing HT groups over the coming week.</p> <p>Main areas of note to note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurring payments/ upper pay range. • Online concerns in terms of fraud. – recruitment fraud (candidates misrepresenting themselves) and procurement fraud. 	
9	AOB	
	<p>Next meeting date 4 December 2025</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ashburton Hall</p>	