

TABLE 1 - SCHOOLS FORUMS: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2014-15 APPENDIX B

Function	Local Authority	Forum	DfE Role
Formula Change (including redistributions)	Proposes and decides	Must be consulted. [Voting restricted to schools members plus PVI members] and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None
Contracts	Propose at least one month prior to invitation to tender, the terms of any proposed contract	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None
Financial Issues relating to: arrangements for pupils with special educational needs; arrangements for use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school; arrangements for early years provision; administration arrangements for the allocation of central govt grants.	Consult annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None
Minimum funding guarantee	Proposes any exclusions from MFG for application to DfE	Gives a view	Approval
De-delegation for mainstream schools for: contingencies administration of free school meals insurance licences/subscriptions staff costs - supply cover support for minority ethnic pupils/underachieving groups behaviour support services library and museum services	Proposes	Primary and secondary school member representatives will decide for their phase.	Will adjudicate where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Central spend and the criteria for allocating funding from: growth fund (to meet requirements for basic need and infant class size regulations) falling rolls fund for surplus places in good or outstanding schools where a population bulge is expected in 2-3 years	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Central spend on funding for significant pre-16 pupil growth equal pay back-pay places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils early years expenditure	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Central spend on admissions servicing of schools forum	Proposes up to the value committed in 2013/14	Decides for each line	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Central spend on capital expenditure funded from revenue contribution to combined budgets schools budget centrally funded termination of employment costs schools budget funded prudential borrowing costs special educational needs transport costs	Proposes up to the value committed in 2013/14 and where expenditure has already been committed	Decides for each line	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Carry forward a deficit on central expenditure to the next year to be funded from the schools budget	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Scheme of financial management changes	Proposes and consults GB and Head of every School	Approves	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
Membership : length of office of members	Decides	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None
Voting Procedures	None	Determine voting procedures	None
Chair of Forum	Facilitates	Elects <i>(may not be an elected member of the council or officer)</i>	None