

## **SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM**

### **SCHOOLS GROUP:**

Neil Sykes (Chair), Helen Abell, Ben Bausor, Rhodri Bryant, Nick Caulfield, Peter Collins, Gill Denham, Jo Evans, Claire Fletcher, Valerie Harffey, Oliver King, Emma Lister, Angela Mellish, Pamela O'Brien, Jon Reekie, Jo Rockall and Jamie Rockman

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Sue Butcher, Director of Children's Services  
Neil Hoskinson, Director of Education

Annabel Scholes, Interim Executive Director, Finance & Commercial (S151 Officer)  
Dave McNamara, Director Financial Management  
David Tully, DSG Consultant  
Tony Madden, Development Manager

Cllr Puja Bedi, Lead Member for Education & Children's Services

**DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2025 AT 9.15 AM**

**BEECHWOOD SCHOOL, LONG READINGS LANE, SLOUGH, SL2 1QE**

## **AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1.	Apologies	Chair
2.	Notification of Any Other Business	Chair
3.	Declarations of Interest*	Chair
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting (28.11.2024)	Chair (Pages 1 - 8)
5.	Schools Forum Membership Update	Chair
6.	Nominations and Election for Vice Chair	Chair
7.	DSG Schools Block 2025/26 budget proposal <i>Update on overall DSG settlement, verification of block transfers and agreement to mainstream formula after consultation.</i>	Dave McNamara/David Tully (Pages 9 - 22)
8.	Growth Fund top slice 2025/26 <i>Update on 2024/25, confirm value of 2025-26 'top slice'.</i>	Neil Hoskinson/Tony Madden (Pages 23 - 28)
9.	DSG Early Years 2025/26 budget proposal <i>Forum to agree EY central spend and to comment on the proposed formula for 2025/26</i>	Neil Hoskinson (Pages 29 - 38)
10.	DSG CSSB 2025/26 Budget proposal <i>Forum to agree the proposed use of the CSSB for 2025/26.</i>	Dave McNamara/David Tully (Pages 39 - 44)
11.	SEND Options Update	Neil Hoskinson (Pages 45 - 48)
12.	2024/25 Forward Agenda Plan	Chair (Pages 49 - 50)
13.	Key Decisions Log	Chair (Pages 51 - 56)
14.	Any Other Business (notified at start of meeting)	Chair

### **\* Declarations of Interest**

*The Chair will ask Members to confirm whether they have any declarable interests in relation to any item on the agenda. All Members who believe they may have such an interest must declare it and may only: (a) remain in the meeting while that matter is discussed at the discretion of the Chair or Vice Chair, and (b) speak on the matter by invitation. Examples of declarable interests include: where the outcome of a discussion may provide a personal advantage or avoid disadvantage (pecuniary or non-pecuniary), or where the focus of an agenda item and the likely impact of any outcome is wholly or mainly on a school with which the Member is associated.*