SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM 9th November 2017 Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

Schools Forum Constitution Update: latest DfE Schools Forum Guidance

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an updated Schools Forum Constitution as amended in the light of recently revised DfE guidance.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Schools Forum is asked to note, comment upon and endorse the revised Schools Forum Constitution attached as **Appendix 1**.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To ensure that the Schools Forum is compliant and operating openly within the latest DfE guidance.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 In September 2017 the DfE published a number of updated guidance documents, namely: Schools Forums Operational and Good Practice Guide and Schools Forums Powers and Responsibilities. Both can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-forumsoperational-and-good-practice-guide-2015

4.2 The Schools Forum Constitution was last updated in 2015 when a number of changes were made. Much of the Constitution remains in place in the version presented with this report.

The main changes are:

- to update weblinks to ensure that the latest information is readily available
- to remove old appendices
- to clarify wording

There are no significant changes within this document and main changes are highlighted in yellow in the revised version at **Appendix 1**.

5 Alternative options considered

5.1 None

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

- 6.1 <u>Borough Solicitor</u> Not applicable.
- 6.2 <u>Section 151 Officer Strategic Director of Resources</u> Not applicable.
- 6.3 <u>Access Implications</u> There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 <u>Principal Groups Consulted</u> None.
- 7.2 <u>Method of Consultation</u> Not applicable.
- 7.3 <u>Representations Received</u> Not applicable.
- 7.4 <u>Background Papers</u> None

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