



Schools Forum	Item	Paper
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## **SCHOOLS FORUM TASK & FINISH GROUP**

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### **Summary**

At their meeting on 26 November 2015 Schools Forum agreed that the Schools Forum Task & Finish Group should be re-established and meet early in 2016. This will be the sub-group drawn from Schools Forum that will undertake the detailed work in relation to the consultation on, and subsequent implementation of, the proposed national fair funding formula.

This report provides the notes from a meeting of the group held on 13 January 2016.

### **Recommendation**

To note the minutes from the meeting of the School Forum Task & Finish Group on 13 January 2016.

## **REPORT**

1. On 26 November 2015 Schools Forum agreed to the re-establishment of a Task & Finish Group to carry out the likely detailed work required in the spring and summer of 2016 in relation to the proposed consultation and subsequent implementation of the Government's proposed move to a national fair funding formula from the financial year 2017-18. While, to date, no details have been released, it was considered appropriate to get the Task & Finish Group operational as soon as possible.
2. Another reason for the group meeting in early January 2016 was to consider the projected underspend of the centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant in 2015-16 which was discussed at the meeting on 26 November.

3. The Schools Forum Task & Finish Group met on 13 January 2016. The notes of the meeting are attached for information.
4. There is clearly more work to be done on the issue of how any funding released through the High Needs budget is applied. The Task & Finish Group will therefore be meeting again on this specific issue, probably in late February/early March, following which a paper will be brought to Schools Forum for their consideration at the next Forum meeting on 17 March 2016.