

**TABLE 2 – SCHOOLS FORUMS : POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2014-15**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Schools Forum</b>	<b>DfE Role</b>	<b>Actioned</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Formula change (including redistributions)	Proposes and decides	Must be consulted [Voting restrictions in table 1 above] and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None	18/10/12  26/9/13	The SF is provided with full details of all consultations and is asked to agree a recommendation to take to Members for final approval
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		The LA does not enter into any significant contracts on behalf of schools as most funding has been delegated out to schools – eg catering consortium
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	Consult annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None	7/3/13	The SF is regularly consulted on the overall use of the DSG and is also consulted on specific issues such as the use of DSG for support the expansion of Glebe School (26/9/13)

government grants					
Minimum funding guarantee (MFG)	Proposes any exclusions from MFG for application to DfE	Gives a view	Approval	09/02/12	The SF were last consulted on specific changes to MFG for individual schools in Feb 12 – in the last financial year the DfE have relaxed the need to ask for specific permission in areas such as bulge class funding where the LA has taken advantage of this but has not been required to consult the Schools Forum.
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 service	Proposes	Primary and secondary school member representatives will decide for their phase	Will adjudicate where Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	18/10/12	See paragraph 3.6 of item no 17.
Central spend on and the criteria for allocating funding from:	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates	13/12/12	Schools Forum consulted on and

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			where Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal		agreed criteria for funding pupil growth and amount to be held centrally to support this.
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 Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	26/9/13	Bromley has not incurred any expenditure for the first two items – SF is consulted regularly on early year expenditure which was approved as part of the final DSG in Sept 13
Central spend on: admissions servicing of schools forum	Proposes up to the value committed in 2013-14	Decides for each line	Adjudicates where Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	7/3/13	This expenditure forms part of the overall DSG agreed in March 13
Central spend on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>capital expenditure funded from revenue contribution to combined budgets schools budget</li> <li>centrally funded termination of employment costs</li> </ul>	Proposes up to the value committed in 2013/14 and where expenditure	Decides for each line	Adjudicates where Schools Forum does not	7/3/13	This expenditure forms part of the overall DSG agreed in March 13

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>schools budget funded prudential borrowing costs</li> <li>special education needs transport costs</li> </ul>	has already been committed.		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 Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	N/A	The LA does not have a deficit of central expenditure
Scheme of financial management changes	Proposes and consults the governing body and Head of every School	Approves	Adjudicates where Schools Forum does not agree LA proposal	Ongoing	report circulated to SF in November
Membership: length of office of members	Decides	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None	18/7/13	Item 44
Voting procedures	None	Determine voting procedures	None		Notified to SF in November
Chair of Schools Forum	Facilitates	Elects ( <i>may</i>	None	26/9/13	Completed

		<i>not be an elected member of the Council or officer)</i>			annually
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