**Schools Forum Timetable - Academic Year 2025-26**

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| **Date** | **Item** | **Lead officer/Team** | **Comments** |
| **September 2025** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions | Schools Finance | Finance timeline  **Secondary Consultative – 10 September**  **Primary Consultative – 17 September**  **Special Consultative – 24 September** |
| **9 October 2025** | * Election of Chair and Vice-Chair * Induction of new members * DSG monitoring * Initial DSG Budget Planning including High Needs and Early Years Blocks * Consideration of Schools Funding Formula for consultation with schools * Update from all Working Parties * HR Policies update * Union Facilities Time * Biannual Review of the de-delegation budget (update from services) * School Changes and Capital Works update * School Roll Projections * School Sustainability Reviews * High Needs Block Update * Forecast- contingency fund outturn | Clerk  Schools Finance | * The Annual Report on School Roll Projections * Update on the School Sustainability Reviews * Annual Update on the Schools Capital Programme |
| **October 2025** | **Autumn Term School Census**  Including Early Years Autumn 2025 data collection  **Disapplication 2026-27**  Submit proforma (first disapplication window)  **High Needs Place Change 2026-27**  Launch and process guidance issued | Schools Finance | Finance timeline |
| **November 2025** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions  **Disapplication 2026-27**  Submit proforma (second disapplication window)  **Early Years**   * Final allocation for 2024-25 issued (to reflect Spring 2025 term adjustment) * Updated final allocation for 2025-26 issued * Operational Guidance 2026-27 published | Schools Finance | **Secondary Consultative – 19 November**  **Primary Consultative – 19 November** |
| **27 November 2025** | * Dedicated Schools Budget Strategy 2026-27: * Outcome of Formula consultation with schools * Recommendation to Council on Formula * Growth Fund * Initial consideration of:   + CSSB retained budgets   + Early Years Retained Budgets   + High Needs Budgets   + De-delegation maintained primary and secondary   + De-delegation former ESG (maintained primary, secondary, special and PRU) * DSG monitoring * Update from Working Groups | Schools Finance  Schools Finance/Service Heads  Schools Finance  Chairs of Working Groups | Phase Consultative Chairs to share information and obtain decision at the **January Consultative** meetings. |
| **December 2025** | **Authority Proforma Tool (APT) 2026-27**  APT with guidance and pupil numbers issued  **School Revenue Funding Settlement 2026-27**  Announcement including details of the DSG and other grant funding  **Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) Performance Data 2024-25 Published** | Schools Finance | Finance timeline |
| **January 2026** | **Spring Term School and Early Year Census**  **Submit APT 2026-27**  **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions  **High Needs Place Change 2026-27**  Outcome issued with 2-week enquiry window  **Early Years 2025-26**  Updated provisional allocation to reflect 2025 summer and autumn term adjustments | Schools Finance | Finance timeline  **Secondary Consultative – 7 January**  **Primary Consultative – 7 January**  **Special Consultative – 21 January** |
| **15 January 2026** | * Update on Dedicated Schools Budget strategy including financial settlement and final Formula allocations * DSG Monitoring * **Agree centrally retained and de-delegation budgets** * Growth and Falling Rolls Fund allocations * Update on High Needs Block Strategy * Update on Early Years Block Strategy * Update from Working Groups | Schools Finance/Service Heads  Head of Early Years  Chairs of the Working Group |  |
| **February 2026** | **2026-27 School Budgets**   * Political ratification of pre-16 funding formulae * LA issues budgets to maintained schools by 28 February 2026 | Schools Finance | Finance timeline |
| **March 2026** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**  For final recoupment data & High Needs deductions |  | Finance timeline  **Secondary Consultative – 11 March**  **Primary Consultative – 11 March** |
| **April 2026** |  |  | **Secondary Consultative – 29 April** |
| **May 2026** |  |  | **Special Consultative – 13 May** |
| **June 2026** |  |  | **Primary Consultative – 3 June**  **Secondary Consultative – 24 June**  **Primary Consultative – 24 June** |
| **18 June 2026** | * Individual Schools Budget outturn * DGS Outturn: * Schools Block * Early Years Block * High Needs Block * Biannual Review of the de-delegation budget (outturn) * Schools Balances * Review Forum Membership * Workplan 2026-27 * Update from Working Groups | Schools Finance  Chairs of Working Group |  |