# AGENDA ITEM 6

## Title of report: Finance Information Timeline

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**Executive Summary.**

This paper sets out the timeline and flow of financial information in respect of schools funding for the remainder of the 2022/23 financial year

**Recommendations:** Forum is asked to note and comment on the contents of this paper

## Background.

* 1. The purpose of this paper is to help the Schools Forum and local authority (LA) to plan the local implementation of the funding system for the 2022/23 financial year, by highlighting the key significant dates in the Schools Finance timetable over the coming months.
  2. This will help inform when submissions to the Department for Education (DfE) are due, when data will become available and when decisions are required by the Schools Forum.
  3. The dates contained within this report are taken from the provisional timetable in the Schools Operational Guide 2022-23 and the Local Authorities Planning Calendar 2022-23, which can be found on the DfE website via the following links:

[Schools operational guide: 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2022-to-2023/schools-operational-guide-2022-to-2023#timetable)

[Local authorities planning calendar for the 2022 to 2023 financial year - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authorities-planning-calendar/local-authorities-planning-calendar-for-the-2022-to-2023-financial-year)

## Finance Information Timeline

* 1. The following table outlines the significant dates and events for the remainder of the 2022/23 financial year:

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| **April 2022** | **First DSG Payments to LA**  Based on 2022-23 allocations including:   * Academies recoupment (DSG allocations updated termly for in-year academy conversions) * Further Education high needs place funding deductions * and other adjustments. |
| **May 2022** | **Summer Term School Census**  Including Early Years Summer 2022 data collection |
| **June 2022** | **High Needs Import Export Data 2022-23 Issued** |
| **July 2022** | **Updated 2022-23 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions |
|  | **DfE 2023-24 Announcements and Guidance**   * Notional National Funding Formula 2023-24 allocations announced * Schools and High Needs Operational Guidance 2023-24 issued |
| **Summer 2022** | **Early Years Block**  Updated for January 2022 Early Years pupil numbers |
| **September 2022** | **School Improvement M & B Grant**  Methodology & allocations for 2022-23 |
|  | **Updated 2022-23 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions |
| **October 2022** | **Autumn Term School Census**  Including Early Years Autumn 2022 data collection |
|  | **Disapplication 2023-24**  Submit proforma (first disapplication window) |
|  | **High Needs Place Change 2023-24**  Launch and process guidance issued |
| **November 2022** | **Updated 2022-23 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions |
|  | **Disapplication 2023-24**  Submit proforma (second disapplication window) |
|  | **Early Years**   * Final allocation for 2021-22 issued (to reflect Spring 2022 term adjustment) * Updated final allocation for 2022-23 issued * Operational Guidance 2023-24 published |
| **December 2022** | **Authority Proforma Tool (APT) 2023-24**  APT with guidance and pupil numbers issued |
|  | **School Revenue Funding Settlement 2023-24**  Announcement including details of the DSG and other grant funding |
| **January 2023** | **Spring Term School and Early Year Census** |
|  | **Submit APT 2023-24** |
|  | **Updated 2022-23 DSG Allocations**  For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions |
|  | **High Needs Place Change 2023-24**  Outcome issued with 2-week enquiry window |
|  | **Early Years 2022-23**  Updated provisional allocation to reflect 2022 summer and autumn term adjustments |
| **February 2023** | **2023-24 School Budgets**   * Political ratification of pre-16 funding formulae * LA issues budgets to maintained schools by 28 February 2023 |
| **March 2023** | **Final 2022-23 DSG Payments to LA** |
|  | **Updated 2022-23 DSG Allocations**  For final recoupment data & High Needs deductions |
| **Summer 2023** | **Early Years Block**  Updated for January 2023 Early Years pupil numbers (pro rata 7/12ths relating to Sept21 – Mar22) |