

SCHOOLS FORUMS: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

	Function	Local Authority	Forum	DCSF Role	Notes
1	Formula Change (including redistributions)	Proposes and decides	Must be consulted	None	
2	Contracts	Propose prior to invitation to tender, the terms of any proposed contract	Gives a view	None	
3	Financial Issues relating to: arrangements for pupils with SEN; arrangements for use of PRU and EOTAS; arrangements for early years education; arrangements for insurance; administrative arrangements for the allocation of central govt grants; arrangements for free school meals.	Consult annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations carried out in lines 1, 2 & 3	None	
4	Breaches of CEL	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal	
5	MFG changes (<20% schools)	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal	until enactment of Schools Finance Regs 2008
6	MFG changes (>20% schools)	Proposes	Gives a view	Decides	until enactment of Schools Finance Regs 2008
7	Increases in central spend on prudential borrowing, termination of employment costs, combined services, schools specific contingency and SEN transport	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal	
8	Scheme of financial management changes	Proposes and consults GB and Head of every School	Approves	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal	
9	MFG changes (<50% pupils)	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal	upon enactment of Schools Finance Regs 2008
10	MFG changes (>50% pupils)	Proposes	Gives a view	Decides	upon enactment of Schools Finance Regs 2008
11	Membership : length of office of Schools Member	Decides	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None	
12	Membership: appointment of Schools Members	Appoints	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None	Elected by members of the relevant sub group
13	Membership: Non Schools Members	Seeks nominations from the relevant bodies then appoints	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None	
14	Voting Procedures	None	Determine voting procedures	None	
15	Chair of Forum	Facilitates	Elects	None	may not be an elected member of the council or officer