

Schools Funding Forum 11th June 2026

ITEM 4

Subject Heading:

Schools Funding Forum meetings
academic year 2026-27

Report Author:

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Eligibility to vote:

All forum members

SUMMARY

This report proposes dates for meetings of the Schools Funding Forum for the academic year 2026-27 and invites members to discuss meeting arrangements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum agrees the dates and times for meetings in the academic year 2026-27.

REPORT DETAIL

- 4.1 DfE regulations require that the Schools Funding Forum meets at least four times each year.
- 4.2 Havering Schools Funding Forum met six times during the 2025-26 academic year. The LA proposes that meetings follow a similar pattern during 2026-27 to support timely discussion of funding matters, consultation requirements and budget-setting decisions throughout the year.
- 4.3 The proposed dates for meetings are:
- Thursday 15th or 22nd October 2026
 - Thursday 26th November or 3rd December 2026
 - Thursday 14th January 2027
 - Thursday 4th or 11th February 2027 (remote)
 - Thursday 24th June 2027

- 4.4 Meetings would commence at 8.00am and, where held in person, would take place either at CEME or Havering Town Hall.
- 4.5 Forum members are invited to comment on the proposed arrangements and to share their views on:
- The proposed meeting dates and whether they support good attendance.
 - Whether meetings should continue to be held at 8.00am.
 - Preferences for meeting location.
 - Whether the proposed balance of in-person and remote meetings remains appropriate.
- 4.6 The LA welcomes members' views and, where possible, will seek agreement on meeting arrangements for the 2026-27 academic year.