



**Walsall Council**

**Walsall Children's Services**

**Report to:** Schools Forum

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**Subject:** Schools Forum Dates and Extended Forward Plan

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**Purpose of the report:** To propose dates for future meetings, explain the rationale behind those dates and look at a rolling forward plan

**Recommendation:** (See final section of report)

## **1. Background**

1.1 Under the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012, Schools Forums must meet at least 4 times per year. This is reflected in Walsall Schools Forum consultation.

## **2. Proposed Dates**

2.1 **Appendix 1** sets out dates for Schools Forum meetings until March 2015. Schools Forum can consider this into the January 2015 meeting if required.

2.2 This timetable is based on the information that is currently 'known'. It ensures that the statutory number of meetings is met, has provisional dates for more urgent business and includes the various approvals that Schools Forum will have to make as a minimum.

2.3 What this timetable cannot do is cope with all the possible challenges that may develop for Schools Forum until March 2016. Clearly an SEN review is taking place. If there are changes to be made then there may need to be working groups, there may need to be further meetings and the EFA may change their deadlines. In addition Schools Forum may embark on various in depth pieces of work. This timetable should provide a framework.

2.4 As an example if schools wished to change the schools funding formula for 2016/17, then there will need to be a consultation with all schools which would be best started before the summer break.

## **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Schools Forum endorses the draft meeting plan and extended forward plan