

Notice of Meeting

Schools Forum

Monday 13 October 2025 at 5.00pm

On Zoom

Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday 7th October

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Agenda - Schools Forum to be held on Monday 13 October 2025 (continued)

Forum Members: Kavash Bamfield, Reverend Mark Bennet, Catherine Bernie, Nicolle Browning, Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Paul Davey, Jacquie Davies, David Fitter, Mel Godliman, Richard Hand, Michelle Harrison, Keith Harvey, Jon Hewitt, Jo Lagares, Steve Lewis, Julie Lewry, Jo MacArthur, Gary Norman, Chris Prosser, David Ramsden, Graham Spellman (Chairman), Phil Spray, Chloe Summerville, Edwin Towill and Charlotte Wilson

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Sarah Clarke
Executive Director - Resources

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Schools' Forum - Contracts - Forward Plan

The Schools' Forum must be consulted when the local authority is proposing a contract for supplies and services which is to be funded from the Schools Budget (Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)) and is in excess of the Public Contracts Regulations procurement thresholds (£170,781.60).

Contract Title	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date (initial term)	Contract End Date (Including any Extension)	Contract Term in years (in brackets maximum possible extension)	Contract Total Value (£) based on Initial Term	Contract Amount (Total Value inclusive of Contract Extension Agreed)	Supplier name	WBC Responsible Officer	Notes
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)	01/08/2021	31/07/2024	31/07/2025	3 (4)	£164,850	£239,500	Rose Road Association	Gerard Strong / Kiki Hurford (supports procurement process only)	This contract is not funded from the DSG and is an Information item only. <u>September 2025 Update:</u> Following Procurement Board approval for a one-year extension, the provider submitted a revised proposal to reduce contactable hours. The final agreed changes include a reduction in term-time telephone hours. This represents an overall 10% annual reduction. The variation has been accepted, and the contract will continue until July 2025. Further procurement will be required for delivery beyond this point.
West Berkshire Schools Meals Service			Contract expired in July 2025.		N/A	N/A	Caterlink		Schools involved were contacted and informed that that this would be handed back to schools to procure individually once the contract ended in July 2025.
Education Packages for Young People with Severe Social Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties	01/09/2025	31/08/2028	31/08/2028	3	£2,514,777		Engaging Potential LTD	Hannah Geddert / Rebecca Page (supports procurement process only)	<u>October Update:</u> Contract awarded to Engaging Potential following a PIN and VEAT. Three-year contract with no extension which reflects a strategic shift in our commissioning approach and resourcing capacity. Contract awaiting signature.
Energy Framework - CCS framework RM6011 - Electricity	01/04/2017 (rolling contract since 2008)	01/10/2023	31/03/2025		£5,421,522		EDF (HH)	Sarah Wood	The central energy contract is a non-mandated contract that maintained schools can access for provision of their gas and electricity.
Energy Framework – CCS Framework RM6011 - Gas	01/04/2017 (rolling contract since 2008))	01/10/2023	31/03/2025		£1,325,589		Total	Sarah Wood	
Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies (CYPIT)	01/04/2023	31/08/2028	31/03/3031	5 (3)	£2,348,480	£3,757,568	Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust	Kiki Hurford / Thomas Bailey (supports procurement process only)	A report was brought to the Schools' Forum meeting in October 2022 and the new therapy contract was agreed.

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