SCHOOLS FORUMS: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Appendix 1

| | Function | Local Authority | Forum | DCSF Role | Notes |
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| 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 Central Expenditure Limit | Proposes | Decides | Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal | |
| 5 | Increases in central spend on prudential borrowing, temination of employment costs, combined services, schools specific contingency and SEN transport | Proposes | Decides | Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal | |
| 6 | Scheme of financial management changes | Proposes and consults GB and Head of every School | Approves | Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal | |
| 7 | Minimum Funding Guarantee changes (<50% pupils) | Proposes | Decides | Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal | |
| 8 | Minimum Funding Guarantee changes (>50% pupils) | Proposes | Gives a view | Decides | |
| 9 | Membership : length of office of Schools Member | Decides | None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view) | None | |
| 10 | 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 |
| 11 | Membership: Non Schools Members | Seeks nominations from the relevant bodies then appoints | None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view) | None | |
| 12 | Voting Procedures | None | Determine voting procedures | None | |
| 13 | Chair of Forum | Facilitates | | None | may not be an elected member of the council or officer |