

REPORT FOR SCHOOLS FORUM

1.	Date of meeting:	13 th June 2025
2.	Title:	Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools (updated)
3.	Directorate:	Finance and Customer Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report builds upon previous reports to Schools Forum setting out the main amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools to bring in line with the DfE's latest version, updated 27th March 2025.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That Schools Forum note the updates to the Scheme for Financing Schools sections highlighted in yellow.
- 2.2 That Schools Forum note the DfE's latest version, updated 27 March 2025.
- 2.3 That the Schools Forum agree for the Updated Scheme for Financing Schools to be disseminated to schools.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION & CONTEXT

- 3.1 Nationally the DfE publishes statutory guidance for local authorities.
- 3.2 Local authorities are required to publish schemes for financing schools, setting out the relationships between them and the schools they maintain.
- 3.3 The DfE's latest version, updated 27 March 2025 can be found by following the link below:

[Schemes for financing local authority maintained schools 2025 to 2026](#)

4 UPDATES TO THE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS

- 4.1 The guidance has been updated to reflect current policy and changes in legislation and can be found highlighted in yellow on page 22 of the attached scheme.
- Section 6.2: addition of an extra item where a school's budget share may be charged: the cost of an undisputed invoice for energy where a school has entered into an agreement with the Secretary of State for the supply of energy and failed to pay such an invoice (Regulation 23 of the regulations)

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