

DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM
10th October 2023

ITEM NO 4b

SCHOOLS FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE 2023

Purpose of Report

This report summarises the changes to the Schools Forum terms of reference as a result of the review in Spring/Summer 2023.

Forum Decision Required

The Forum is asked to:

- a) Agree the Schools Forum terms of reference.

Background

The review of the Schools Forum constitution was undertaken by the Education Partnerships Officer and agreed at the previous Schools Forum meeting. The review considered the schools forum guidance [Schools forum operational and good practice guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-forum-operational-and-good-practice-guide), and best practice from several local authorities of similar size.

According to the Schools Forum terms of reference, the Schools Forum may review the terms of reference as necessary and request changes to be made by the Local Authority.

The terms of reference have been updated to reflect the proportions of membership, and to clarify procedures for membership elections, voting and sub-groups. It also reflects The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021 amended The Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Accompanying paper(s)

- **Revised Terms of Reference – Appendix 1**