

Terms of Reference

1. To strengthen understanding of the extent and nature of any budget pressures across all SRPs and propose options to ensure that all SRPs have a financially secure and sustainable future.
2. To consult with all SRPs to:
 - Ascertain how many are experiencing budget pressures of a scale likely to compromise the financial security of the SRP and/or host mainstream school or their ability to continue to deliver high quality specialist provision.
 - Understand the causes behind any budget pressures that are identified and the associated short, medium and long term risks to High Needs Block and DSG.
 - Identify options available to enable SRPs with significant budget pressures to secure the savings needed to ensure their long-term financial future.
3. To review the operation of the high needs block funding formula and consider any changes that might be needed to ensure that available funding is distributed in a fair and transparent way to meet the needs of vulnerable learners in Swindon.
4. To report back to Schools' Forum to inform the budget setting process for 2016/17.

Suggested Membership

Head of Education, SBC (Chair)

Head of Finance (Education and Innovation), SBC

Strategic Commissioner SEND, SBC

Nominees from Schools' Forum (early years, primary, secondary phase representative)

Heads of schools hosting a SRP for pupils with a physical impairment (primary, secondary)

Head of schools hosting a SRP for pupils with needs on the Autistic Spectrum (primary, secondary)

Head of schools hosting a SRP for pupils with complex learning difficulties (primary, secondary)