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| TITLE | Matters Arising |
| FOR CONSIDERATION BY | Schools Forum on 6 July 2022 |
| WARD | None Specific; |
| LEAD OFFICER | Director, Children's Services - Helen Watson |

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This reports forms part of regular reporting to Schools Forum, informing areas of statutory decision making and improving visibility and consultation on wider Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) financial matters.

RECOMMENDATION

Schools Forum are asked to note the update on matters arising.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

National Funding Formula – Growth Fund / Falling Rolls

In response to a query initially raised through Schools Forum on the NFF and inequity for maintained schools and academies around Growth Fund, information reviewed has not suggested a particular issue. However in order to ensure this is further explored, it is proposed that the issue is further reviewed as part of the work of the Schools Block Task & Finish Group at the early stages of 2023/24 budget setting.

A further consultation has been published on the NFF which runs until early September. More information can be found here:

[Implementing the direct national funding formula - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

High Needs Block Training

As part of ongoing work to improve understanding and knowledge sharing around the High Needs Block, a series of weekly training sessions will be run from mid-August onwards.

Sessions will be held over Microsoft Teams and expected to last around 1-1.5 hours. Attendance is open to Schools Forum members as well as wider Council colleagues, with individual sessions being initially capped at 6 people per session to allow time for questions and discussion in a smaller group.

Dates will be published shortly and can be booked through the Schools Finance Helpdesk. Where possible, priority in the earlier slots will be given to those interested in being involved in the High Needs Block Task & Finish Group for 2023/24 budget setting.

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