Joint Report:
Director of Finance
Director of Education, Early Years and Skills

Item 3 – Schools Forum Constitution

Schools Forum – 25th March 2026

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek approval to the revised version of the Schools Forum Constitution for 2026/2027.

2. Background

2.1 Schools' Forums were established by the Education Act 2002, as a statutory consultative body to support local authorities on matters relating to school budgets.

2.2 The Schools' Forum plays a critical role in representing the views of all schools, providers of post 16 provision and early education within the area. The Oldham Schools' Forum Constitution has been produced in accordance with the legal requirements referred to in The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012. Further revision may be necessary arising from any additional statutory instruction

2.3 There have been no legislative changes over the last year requiring a change to the Forum's current practice. However, the membership has been reviewed to ensure that the balance between maintained primary / secondary schools and primary / secondary academies are broadly proportionate to the pupil numbers in each category to ensure debate within the Schools' Forum is balanced and representative.

2.4 Appendix 1 details the proposed updated constitution document (including membership) for the financial year 2026/27

Actions/ Recommendations

Schools Forum is requested to:

- Approve the revised Schools Forum Constitution for 2026/27