

**READING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT BY FINANCIAL SERVICES**

<b>TO:</b>	Reading Schools Forum		
<b>DATE:</b>	24 May 2018	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	7
<b>TITLE:</b>	Academic Year 2018-2019 School Forum Meetings		
<b>SERVICE:</b>	Children, Education & Early Help Services	<b>WARDS:</b>	All
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**1. POLICY**

- 1.1 The government requires every Local Authority to set up a Schools Forum. Its purpose is to provide strategic direction for the funding in the local authority and support services in relating go the new school funding arrangements. The forum can be observed by the public and all agenda's and non-confidential reports are uploaded.

**2. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**2.1 TO AGREE: 2018-2019 academic year school forum dates**

**2.2 TO NOTE change of venue from October 2018**

**3.1 Schools Forum Proposed Meeting Dates 18/19 academic year**

- Thursday 11 October 2018 at 5pm
- Thursday 6 December 2018 at 5pm
- Thursday 17 January 2019 at 5pm
- Thursday 14 March 2019 at 5pm
- Thursday 23 May 2019 at 5pm - Provisional
- Thursday 11 July 2019 at 5 pm - Provisional

3.2 Due to changes happening at the Avenue School/Centre in the next year, we have to move the schools forum on a permanent basis. To make things easier and hopefully make it fair for all who travel, we have decided to move the meeting to the Civic Offices - Council Chamber. This will give us more space, better control over facilities and is more central for all members to travel to.

### 3.3 Parking

We have two options available at the council.

1. Small amount of parking spaces next to the council building (5-6 cars)
2. Car Park A (parking next to the old civic site)

Members will need to book through Schools Forum admin to book a space.

### 3.4 Future agenda Items

- Budget Monitoring update (all meetings except January 2019)
- High Needs Block update (3 times a year)
- Early Years Block update (January 2019)
- Schools Formula update (October 2018)
- 2019-2020 Retained Budgets (November 2018)
- Schools Formula Submission (January 2019)
- End of Year Outturn (May 2019)
- Maintained School Balances (May 2019)
- School Forum dates (May 2019)