



# School Standards and Framework Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 31

### PART II

#### NEW FRAMEWORK FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

#### CHAPTER IV

#### FINANCING OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Schools forums]*

#### <sup>F1</sup>47A Schools forums

- (1) [<sup>F2</sup>Every [<sup>F3</sup>local authority] must, in accordance with regulations, establish for their area a body to be known as a schools forum.]
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to the Common Council of the City of London or the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

[ The purpose of a schools forum is—

- <sup>F4</sup>(3) (a) to advise the relevant authority on such matters relating to the authority's schools budget as may be prescribed by regulations under section 45A(3) or by regulations under this subsection, and
- (b) to exercise any [<sup>F5</sup>other function that may be imposed on the schools forum by or under this Chapter].]

[ In exercising its functions, a schools forum is to have regard to any children and young <sup>F6</sup>(3A) people's plan prepared by the local Children's Trust Board.]

- (4) Regulations under section 45A(3) or under subsection (3) may include provision requiring a relevant authority to have regard to advice given by their schools forum, or

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requiring a relevant authority to consult their schools forum in relation to prescribed matters or before taking prescribed decisions.

[ Regulations must provide for a schools forum to include—

- <sup>F7</sup>(4A) (a) members representing governing bodies of schools maintained by the relevant authority, and  
 (b) members representing head teachers of such schools.

(4B) Regulations may provide for a schools forum to include—

- (a) members representing such other persons—  
 (i) as may be prescribed, or  
 (ii) as the relevant authority may from time to time, in accordance with regulations, determine, and  
 (b) other members,

and may make further provision as to the constitution of a schools forum.]

(5) Regulations may make provision as to [<sup>F8</sup>the constitution], meetings and proceedings of a schools forum.

<sup>F9</sup>(6) . . . . .

(7) Regulations may make provision with respect to expenses of a schools forum.

(8) Except as provided by regulations, the expenses of a schools forum shall be defrayed by the relevant authority.

[ In this section “relevant authority”, in relation to a schools forum, means the [<sup>F3</sup>local  
<sup>F10</sup>(9) authority] by whom the forum is established.]

[ In this section—

- <sup>F11</sup>(10) (a) a “children and young people's plan” means a plan published by a Children's Trust Board under section 17 of the Children Act 2004;  
 (b) “the local Children's Trust Board”, in relation to a schools forum, is the Children's Trust Board established by arrangements made under section 10 of that Act by the relevant authority <sup>F12</sup>....]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 47A and cross-heading inserted (2.9.2002 for E., 1.11.2003 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 43**, 216(4) (with **ss. 210(8)**, 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2002, art. 4; S.I. 2003/1718, art. 6, Sch. Pt. III
- F2** S. 47A(1) substituted (26.1.2009 for E.) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 165(2)**, 173(3)(4); S.I. 2008/3077, art. 5(b)
- F3** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 10(2)** (with Sch. 2 para. 10(4))
- F4** S. 47A(3) substituted (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 16 para. 7** (with s. 119); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 8; S.I. 2010/735, art. 2(d)
- F5** Words in s. 47A(3)(b) substituted (8.2.2007 for E., 2.4.2010 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 5 para. 2(2)**; S.I. 2006/3400, **art. 4(c)**; S.I. 2010/736, **art. 3(c)**
- F6** S. 47A(3A) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 194(8)(a)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2
- F7** S. 47A(4A)(4B) inserted (26.1.2009 for E.) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 165(3)**, 173(3)(4); S.I. 2008/3077, art. 5(b)

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- F8** Words in s. 47A(5) repealed (26.1.2009 for E.) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), ss. 165(4), 173(3)(4), **Sch. 2**; S.I. 2008/3077, art. 5(b)
- F9** S. 47A(6) repealed (8.2.2007 for E., 2.4.2010 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), Sch. 5 para. 2(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 6**; S.I. 2006/3400, **art. 4(c)(d)**; S.I. 2010/736, **art. 3(c)(d)**
- F10** S. 47A(9) substituted (8.2.2007 for E., 2.4.2010 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 5 para. 2(4)**; S.I. 2006/3400, **art. 4(c)**; S.I. 2010/736, **art. 3(c)**
- F11** S. 47A(10) inserted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), **ss. 194(8)(b)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2
- F12** Words in s. 47A(10)(b) repealed (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 10(7), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 47A modified (28.11.2008) by The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No.2) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2867), regs. 1(1), **25(4)(5)** (with reg. 1(2))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 14(3)(aa) inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#) - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- s. 18B inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(3\)](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#) - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- Sch. 22 para. 5(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(4\)](#)