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(England) Regulations 2012**

PART 4

Schemes

Required content of schemes

26. A scheme prepared by a local authority under section 48(1) of the 1998 Act must deal with the matters connected with the financing of schools maintained by the authority set out in Schedule 5.

Approval by the schools forum or the Secretary of State of proposals to revise schemes

27.—(1) Where a local authority submit a copy of their proposals to revise their scheme to their schools forum for approval pursuant to paragraph 2A(3)(b) of Schedule 14 to the 1998 Act, the members of the schools forum who represent schools maintained by the authority may—

- (a) approve any such proposals;
- (b) approve any such proposals subject to modifications; or
- (c) refuse to approve any such proposals.

(2) Where the schools forum approves the proposals to revise the scheme, it may specify the date upon which the revised scheme is to come into force.

(3) Where—

- (a) the schools forum refuses to approve proposals submitted under paragraph 2A(3)(b) of Schedule 14 to the 1998 Act, or approves any such proposals subject to modifications which are not acceptable to the local authority; or
- (b) the local authority are not required to establish a schools forum for their area, the authority may apply to the Secretary of State for approval of such proposals.

(4) The Secretary of State may—

- (a) approve any such proposals;
- (b) approve any such proposals subject to modifications; or
- (c) refuse to approve any such proposals.

(5) When approving proposals to revise the scheme, the Secretary of State may specify the date upon which the revised scheme is to come into force.

(6) No revised scheme is to come into force unless approved by the schools forum or the Secretary of State in accordance with this regulation.

Publication of schemes

28.—(1) A local authority—

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- (a) must publish their scheme on a website which is accessible to the general public; and
 - (b) may publish it elsewhere, in such manner as they see fit.
- (2) Whenever a local authority revise the whole or part of their scheme they must publish the scheme as revised on a website which is accessible to the general public by the date that the revisions are due to come into force, together with a statement that the revised scheme comes into force on that date.