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PART 4

Schemes

Required content of schemes

40. 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

41.—(1) Where a local authority submits a copy of its proposals to revise its scheme to its schools forum for approval under 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 the proposals;
- (b) approve the proposals with modifications; or
- (c) refuse to approve the proposals.

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

(3) The local authority may apply to the Secretary of State for approval of proposals submitted under paragraph 2A(3)(b) of Schedule 14 to the 1998 Act⁽¹⁾ where—

- (a) the schools forum refuses to approve the proposals, or approves them with modifications which are not acceptable to the local authority; or
- (b) the local authority is not required to establish a schools forum for its area.

(4) The Secretary of State may—

- (a) approve the proposals;
- (b) approve the proposals with modifications; or
- (c) refuse to approve the proposals.

(5) When approving proposals, the Secretary of State may specify the date on 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.

(1) Paragraph 2A of Schedule 14 to the 1998 Act was inserted by section 57 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to, the 2006 Act.

Publication of schemes

42.—(1) A local authority—

- (a) must publish its scheme on a website which is accessible to the general public; and
- (b) may publish it elsewhere.

(2) Whenever a local authority revises the whole or part of its scheme, it 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.