

# SBM Forum

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# School Forum – 6 March 2024

## Overview:

- SBM Observer - Byron Russell
- Chair – Helen Thomas, Alma (Attigo)
- Composition – Governors, Head Teachers, Council official, Councillors
- Links to agenda and minutes:  
<https://governance.enfield.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=139>
- Next meeting: 3 July – School budget (outturn), School balances, Annual audit

## Updates from meeting:

- Schools budget 2024/25 – Early Years Funding Formula response to the consultation
- High Needs Places 2024/25 – increase from 639 in 2017 to 1192 in 2024/5. Grant fund from Delivering Better Value. How do schools manage the pressure and resources?
- Annual reports: EASA, West Lea, Orchardside
- Special school outreach services – proposal for 2024/5 to 2026/7 based on feedback from school SENCOs

# Updates

- Training: **Enfield procurement in person workshops** – Join Claire Reilly for **Specification Writing** on 20 May (2-4pm) and **Contract Management** on 2 June (2-4pm). Book [here](#).
- Online: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/thehub/information/sbm-forum>
- Budget Planning: Integrated Curriculum Financial Tool
- Weekly updates:
  - Links to statutory and guidance documents
  - Support available for schools
  - Webinars

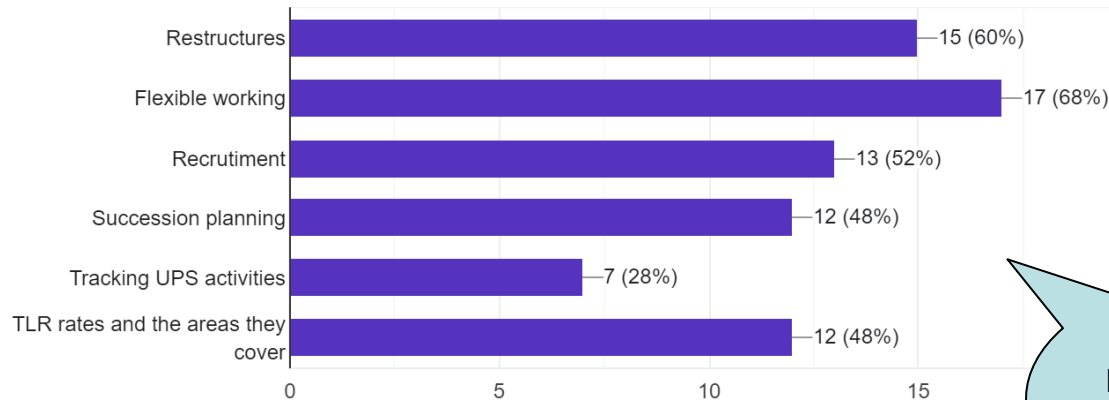
# Reminders

- £50 annual subscription for SBM Forum
- Benchmarking:
  - View my Financial Insights (VMFI):  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/view-my-financial-insights>
- Survey results:
  - In person conference – 26 June 2024
  - Future training

# Survey Results

**Human Resources** - Which of these areas are of most interest to you? *tick all that apply*

25 responses



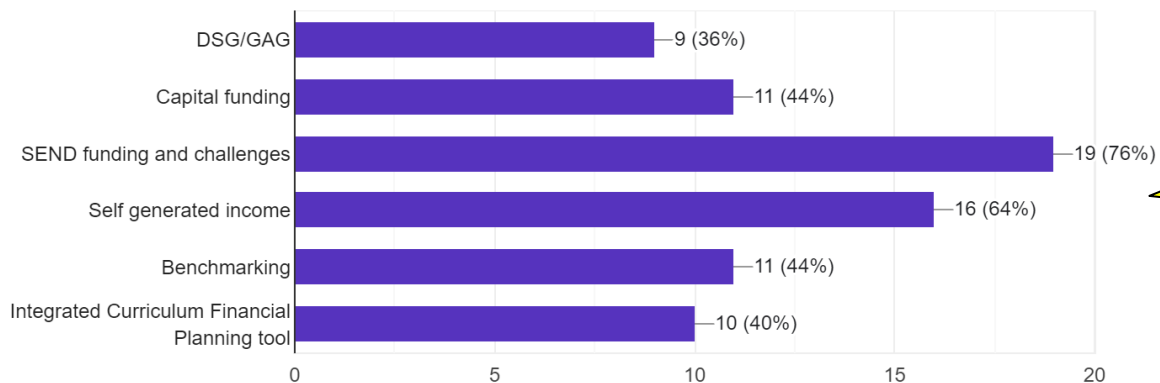
Writing business cases for restructures or redundancies

Changes to employment law/policy

MPS vs UPS - how are the roles different?

**Finance** - Which of these areas are of most interest to you? *tick all that apply*

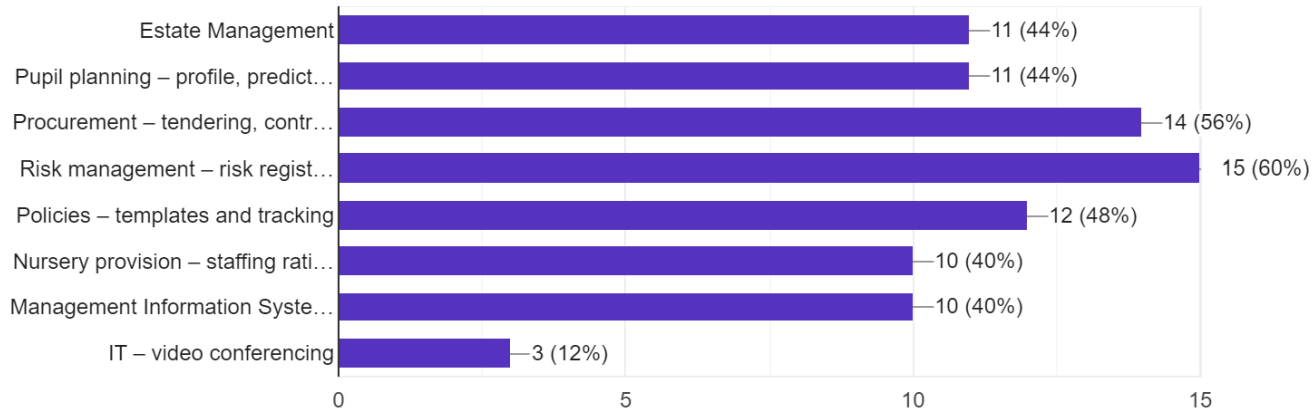
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FSM & Mobility funding

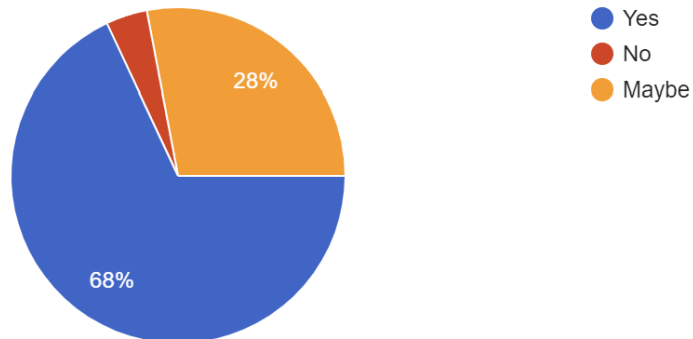
## Operations - which of these areas are of most interest to you? tick all that apply

25 responses



Would you be interested in a session that discusses things that schools have tried out with success and things that they have tried but have not worked?

25 responses



# What keeps you awake at night?



- Workload
- Providing financial quarterly returns on time
- Lack of funding
- Funding especially SEND
- Cashflow; lack of awareness of budgeting across leadership roles; reducing contact ratio; Leadership cost vs total income
- Not being able to balance the budget
- Not having the time to do the many things that we are expected to cover, constant changes with little or no information and the lack of money!
- Budgets - most specifically the worry that I've put too many or not enough zeros somewhere, rendering the whole forecast incorrect, and year end position and the total lack of certainty regarding carry forward until you finally get to 1st April.
- Nothing - too tired :-)
- Lack of funding, pupil roll - Poor communication
- Budgets
- Staffing and budget. 1 member of staff sick = £200 a day to cover via agency!
- Workload and knowing that I will never get the job done properly
- Funding, staffing, workload
- Deficit Budget
- Funding, some staffing matters
- My workload