	Function	Local Authority	Forum	DfE Role
	TABLE 1 - SCHOOLS FORUMS: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2011-12			
1	Formula Change (including redistributions)	Proposes and decides	Must be consulted	None
2	Contracts	Propose prior to invitation to tender, the terms of any proposed contract	Gives a view	None
3	Financial issues relating to: arrangements for pupils with special educational needs; arrangements for use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school; arrangements for early years provision; arrangements for insurance; administration arrangements for the allocation of central govt grants; arrangements for free school meals	Consult annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations carried out in lines 1, 2 & 3	None
4	Minimum funding guarantee	Proposes any variations and can decide to set the MFG at a higher level than -1.5%	Agrees any variation relating to the early years single funding formula; must be consulted on other proposals	Approves any other variations and adjudicates if Forum does not agree LA proposal on early years
5	Breaches of central expenditure limit	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
6	Increases in central spend on prudential borrowing, temination of employment costs, combined services, schools' specific contingency and special educational needs transport	Proposes	Decides	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
7	Scheme of financial manageme	Proposes and consults GB and Head of every School	Approves	Adjudicates where Forum does not agree LA proposal
8	Membership : length of office of members	Decides	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None
9	Membership: appointment of Schools and Academies Members	Appoints those elected by members of the relevant sub groups. Facilitates election where required and appoints member if there is a tie or the election does not take place by a date set by the LA	None	None
10	Membership: Non Schools Members	Seeks nominations from the relevant bodies then appoints	None (but good practice would suggest that they gave a view)	None
11	Voting Procedures	None	Determine voting procedures	None
12	Chair of Forum	Facilitates	Elects *(may not be an elected member of the council or officer)*	None