
Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 19 October 2009

Subject: Early Years Single Funding Formula

Report of: Acting Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning

Summary: The Schools Forum to approve the proposed consultation document for the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF).

Contact Officer: Bob Thompson

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

Reason for urgency
(if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To discuss and approve the proposed Consultation Document for the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF).**

Background

1. Central Bedfordshire Council is required to implement an Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for all schools and settings making the free early years entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds from 1 April 2010. In order to achieve this the following is being undertaken:
 - an initial consultation during the Summer Term 2009 to gain settings' views on the factors/elements which might be included in the EYSFF and the possible impact on their settings;
 - construction of a single funding pot for the EYSFF;
 - the construction of possible formulae and their impact on settings;
 - the compilation of an EYSFF Consultation Document; and

- a formal consultation on the formulae options during November.

The Consultation Document

2. The proposed Draft Consultation Document is set out at Appendix A.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Consultation Document.