
Meeting: Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum
Date: 25 January 2010
Subject: School Forum Budget
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning
Summary: To update the Schools Forum on the use of the Schools Forum Budget.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To discuss and comment on the position statement as at Period 9.**

Background

1. Paragraph 13 of the Constitution and Terms of Reference, agreed by the Shadow Executive sets out the following:

'A budget of £10,000 will be available for each financial year for costs associated with the operation of the Forum e.g. venue hire, expenses and clerking costs'. The level of the budget would be reviewed annually.
2. It was resolved at the School Forum meeting of the 2 March 2009 to set a budget for the Schools' Forum for 2009/10 of £5,000.
3. The School Forum Budget falls under Schedule 2 of The School Finance Regulations 2008. 'Classes or descriptions of planned expenditure prescribed for the purposes of the Schools budget of a Local Education Authority which may be deducted from it to determine the Individual Schools Budget' (top slice Direct Schools Grant - DSG) – 'establishment and maintenance, of and consultation with, schools forums'.

Expenditure to Date

4. It was resolved at the School Forum meeting of the 2 March 2009 that Central Bedfordshire becomes a member of the F40 Group, representing the lowest funded Local Authorities and that £2,000 from the Schools Forum budget be utilised for the annual subscription.

5. Travel expenses and refreshments £128.

Balance remaining £2,872