
Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 20th September 2010

Subject: Outline Forward Programme

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services

Summary: To provide an update on the likely programme for the next year and confirm Sub Group membership

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

Reason for urgency
(if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To note the programme and to agree the establishment of a schools Asset Management sub group and to request membership.

Update

1. Set out in the table below are the likely agenda items for the Schools Forum for the 2010/11 Academic Year. The programme will need to be flexible, to respond to national and local policy issues and the actual timings of preparatory work, including that of any sub-groups.

	1st November (p.m.)	24th January (a.m.)	7th March (p.m.)	21st June (a.m.)
Surplus Balances	Yes			Yes
Dedicated School Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Technical Funding Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Standards Fund			Yes	
SEN Special Recoupment		Yes		
Early Years	Yes	Yes	Yes	
License Deficit Schools	Yes		Yes	
Impact of Council's Budget	Yes			Yes
Scheme for Financing Schools	Yes		Yes	
School Capital Programme		Yes		
14 – 19 Arrangements	Yes		Yes	
School Risk Register	Yes		Yes	
School Contingency and Forum Budget	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Possible future dates Monday 19th September 2011 and 24th October 2011.

Sub Groups

3. The Early Years Reference Group is already established as a sub-group to the Schools Forum on the Early Years Reform.
4. The 14 – 19 Partnership effectively acts as a sub-group for 14-19 funding decisions, in its strategic capacity within the authority and the Children's Trust.
5. At the June 2010 Forum meeting it was resolved that there should be one larger main sub group and that this should be the Technical Funding sub group and if need arose ad-hoc sub group meetings be held on other issues.
6. It is proposed that the Technical Funding sub group agree specific areas of the current LA formula to be revisited along side any guidance issued following the current consultation on School Funding for 2011/12.
7. Members of the Technical Funding sub group met in July 2010 to discuss Surplus Balances arising from the 2009/10 financial year, as there was no specific group agreed at the previous meeting.
8. It is proposed that a School Asset Management sub group be set up to take part in discussions on the development of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and School Carbon Reduction Plan.

Appendices: None