Meeting:	Schools Forum
Date:	20 June 2011
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 request Sub Group membership

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

Reason for urgency
(if appropriate)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.   To note the programme and to request membership to a Technical Funding Sub-Group.

Update

1.   Set out in the table below are the likely agenda items for the Schools Forum for the 2011/12 Financial 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.

	September	November	January	March
Dedicated School Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Consultation Funding		Yes	Yes	
Early Years Reference Group Report		Yes		Yes
Technical Funding Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEN Review			Yes	
Pupil Referral Unit			Yes	
License Deficit Schools	Yes		Yes	
Scheme for Financing Schools			Yes	
School Capital Programme				Yes
School Carbon Reduction Action Plan				Yes
14 – 19 Arrangements	Yes			
School Risk Register	Yes		Yes	
School Contingency and Forum Budget	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sub Groups

2.   The Early Years Reference Group is already established as a sub-group to the Schools Forum on the Early Years Reform.

3.   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.

4.   It is proposed that a Technical Funding sub group is formed to agree any changes arising out of the National Consultation on School Funding. This could include reviewing specific areas of the current LA formula alongside any guidance issued following the consultation.

5.   Members of the Technical Funding sub group will be required to meet outside of the normal School Forum meetings, frequency of which yet to be determined.

Appendices: None