Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 25 June 2012

**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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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 2012/13 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.

	Sept	Nov	Jan	March	June
Dedicated School Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Consultation	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Early Years Reference Group			Yes		
Technical Funding Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEN Review			Yes		
Pupil Referral Unit			Yes		
School Finance Update	Yes		Yes		Yes
Scheme for Financing			Yes		Yes
School Capital Programme				Yes	
School Carbon Reduction				Yes	
Action Plan					
14 – 19 Arrangements	Yes				
School Contingency and	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Forum Budget					

## **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 work with LA officers on matters arising from the latest Consultation 'School Funding reform: Next steps towards a fairer system'.
- 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