

**Meeting:** Schools Forum

**Date:** 26 November 2012

**Subject:** School Forum Budget

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

**Summary:** To provide an update on the use of the School Forum Budget for 12/13.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. To note the School Forum spend as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012**

#### **Background**

- The School Forum Budget falls under Section 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'.
- It was agreed at the School Forum meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 that a budget of £3,000 will be available for costs associated with the operation of the Forum, with the continued membership of the F40 group and £2,000 delegated to the Chairman of the Schools Forum to fund the commissioning of consultancy and administration support. The level of the budget will be reviewed annually.
- The School Forum budget was fully spent in 2011/12.

#### **Expenditure 2012/13**

- It was resolved at the School Forum meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 that Central Bedfordshire would remain a member of the F40 Group, representing the lowest funded Local Authorities.
- The following table sets out the expenditure for 2012/13 against the School Forum Budget.

	<b>BUDGET £</b>	<b>SPEND £</b>	<b>BALANCE £</b>
Budget Allocation 2012/13	3,000		
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
Room Hire / Hospitality		(188)	
Travel Expenses		(136)	
Westminster Education Forum		(380)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(1,704)</b>	<b>1,296</b>

**Appendices:** None