

Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 21 January 2013

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 December 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 5th 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 5th 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.

	BUDGET £	SPEND £	BALANCE £
Budget Allocation 2012/13	3,000		
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
Room Hire / Hospitality		(307)	
Travel Expenses		(172)	
Westminster Education Forum		(380)	
Total	3,000	(1,859)	1,141

Appendices: None