
Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 24th June 2013

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 School Forum for 2013/14

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To note the programme.

Update

1. Set out in the table below are the likely agenda items for the Schools Forum for the 2013/14 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
School Funding Arrangements	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Early Years Reference Group Report			Yes		
SEN Review			Yes		
Pupil Referral Unit			Yes		
School Finance Update	Yes		Yes		Yes
Scheme for Financing Schools			Yes		Yes
School Capital Programme				Yes	
School Contingency and Forum Budget	Yes	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 Reforms.
3. The Schools Asset Management Planning sub group provides annually an update regarding Schools Capital and School Premises Regulations.

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. A Technical Funding sub group has been working with officers on matters arising from the School Funding Reforms. The outcome of the review of 2013/14 School Funding Arrangements is expected early June 2013 and will impact the 2014/15 distribution. Members of the Technical Funding sub group will be requested to continue their work which will require meetings outside of the normal School Forum meetings, frequency of which yet to be determined.

Appendices:

None