

**Meeting:** Schools Forum

**Date:** 24 March 2014

**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 2013/14.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To note the School Forum spend to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**Background**

1. The School Forum Budget falls under Schedule 2 of The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013. 'Classes or descriptions of planned expenditure prescribed for the purposes of the Schools budget of a Local Authority which may be deducted from it to determine the Individual Schools Budget' – 'establishment and maintenance of, and consultation with, Schools Forums'. Any deduction must not exceed the amount deducted for the previous funding period.
2. A budget of £3,000 for 2013/14 has been set 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.

**Expenditure 2013/14**

3. The following table sets out the expenditure to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

	<b>BUDGET</b> £	<b>SPEND</b> £	<b>BALANCE</b> £
Budget Allocation 2013/14	3,000		
Venue Hire/Refreshments		(456)	
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(1,456)</b>	<b>1,544</b>

**Appendices:**  
None