Terms of Reference

Early Years Block Technical Sub Group of the School Forum

The Forum requested that a technical sub group be formed to consider the Early Years Funding Block and it was set up during the autumn term of 2016. This Technical Sub-Group is in addition to the Early Years Reference Group which is a formal sub –group of the Schools Forum, as identified in para 65 of the March 2015 publication Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide by the Education Funding Agency Working.

The Group will meet when required, and the meetings will ordinarily follow the meetings of the Early Years Reference Group.

Membership

Sue Howley MBE
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Schools Forum Powers and Responsibilities (Education Funding Agency Published March 2015) (Early Years related)

Function	Local Authority	Schools Forum
Formula Change (including redistributions)	Proposes and Decides	Must be Consulted
Contracts (where the LA is entering a contract to be funded from the schools budget)	Proposes at least one month prior to invitation to tender, the terms of any proposed contract	Gives a view and informs the Governing Bodies of all consultations
Financial issues relating to:….. Arrangements for early years provision	Consults annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations
Minimum Funding Guarantee	Proposes any exclusions from MFG for application to DfE	Gives a View
Central Spend ……..on Early Years Expenditure	Proposes	Decides

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The group will focus on the following elements:

- Issues relating to Early Years Funding Formula
- Issues relating to Early Years Pupil Premium
- Early Years Funding Consultations
- Consultations on changes with all Early Years Providers
- Any contracts entered into funded from the schools budget (none)
- Capitalised Early Years block
- Annual Review of Early Years Block Expenditure
- Anything else by request of the Schools Forum
- To note activity of the Childcare panel (Not DSG funded).

Agreed 3.10.16