

**Meeting:** Schools Forum

**Date:** 29 January 2018

**Subject:** School Forum Budget

**Report of:** Director of Children's Services

**Summary:** To provide an update on the use of the School Forum Budget for 2017/18.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 1. To note the School Forum spend to 31 December 2017

#### Background

1. The School Forum Budget falls under Schedule 2 (Part 2) of The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2017. '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' – Expenditure in connection with the authority's functions under section 47A of the 1998 Act (establishment and maintenance of, and consultation with, schools forums).
2. A budget of £3,000 for 2017/18 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.

#### Update

3. The following table sets out the expenditure to 31 December 2017:

	<b>BUDGET</b> £	<b>SPEND</b> £	<b>BALANCE</b> £
Carry Forward from 2016/17	5,522		
Budget Allocation 2017/18	3,000		
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
General and Travel Expenses		(106)	
Hospitality		(132)	
Venue Hire		(260)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,522</b>	<b>(1,498)</b>	<b>7,024</b>

4. Any balance remaining at year end will be carried forward to 2018/19.

**Appendices:** None