

Meeting: Schools Forum

Date: 12 March 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 January 2018.

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 January 2018:

	BUDGET £	SPEND £	BALANCE £
Carry Forward from 2016/17	5,522		
Budget Allocation 2017/18	3,000		
F40 Subscription		(1,000)	
General and Travel Expenses		(182)	
Hospitality		(187)	
Venue Hire		(260)	
Total	8,522	(1,629)	6,893

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

Appendices: None