



SCHOOLS FORUM

22 FEBRUARY 2007

5.00 PM – 7.00 PM

STANTONBURY CAMPUS

A G E N D A

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To receive as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2006 (Item 2) **(Pages 1 to 5)**.

3. Matters Arising and Additional Agenda Items

To note any matters arising from the Minutes and agree any further items of business to be discussed at the meeting.

Decision Items

4. Election of Vice Chair

To elect the vice chair of the Schools Forum for a two year period as defined by the constitution.

5. Secondary Alternative Education / Behaviour Management

To receive a report on the options for the future management of the secondary alternative education budget to be implemented in April 2007 **(to follow)**.

6. Funding and Contracts for School Meals

To receive a report on the proposed allocation of Free School Meal funding in 2007/08 and to review the school meals contract(s) from April 2008 (Item 6) **(Pages 6 to 10)**.

7. New Secondary School Funding

To consider options on the levels of funding in new Secondary Schools **(to follow)**.

8. Trade Union Facilities Time

To receive a paper on the funding of Trade Union facilities time (Item 8) **(Pages 11 to 12)**.

9. The Schools Budget 2007/08

To receive a report on the latest position on Schools Budgets **(to be tabled at the meeting)**.

- a) Centrally retained budgets
- b) Central Expenditure Limit
- c) Overall Schools Budget and use of Headroom

- d) Feedback from the Funding Sub group (Deprivation Funding)
- e) Standards Funds

Information Items

10. How do Schools Forum feed back to colleagues

To receive a paper on the methods currently employed to feedback information to colleagues and also to prompt discussion on other appropriate methods that could be used (Item 10) **(Page 13)**.

11. Budget Monitoring

To receive a report on the latest forecast outturn position of the schools budget (Item 11) **(Pages 14 to 16)**.

12. DfES Consultations

To receive a report on the recently concluded DfES consultation on School Financial Regulations and the LA's response to it. Also to receive a summary of the current DfES consultation on Benchmarking (Pages 12) **(Pages 17 to 31)**.

13. Deadline for submission of budget plans

To receive a report on the deadline for the submission of budget plans from schools as requested at the last meeting of the Schools Forum (Item 13) **(Pages 32 to 33)**.

Forward Planning

14. To consider the issues that need to be considered by the Forum for the coming year.

15. Dates of future meetings:

19 April
12 July
4 October
6 December

The proceedings at this meeting may be recorded for the purpose of preparing the Minutes of the meeting.

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