

**Schools Forum 24 February 2009**

**Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services**

**Schools Forum Seminar 16 and 17 January 2009**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To advise Schools Forum of the outcomes from the Schools Forum Seminar held on 16 and 17 January 2009.

**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. No.

**Action for Schools Forum**

3. To note the outcomes from the Schools Forum Seminar and to consider the structure and content of future training seminars.

**Attachments to Report**

4. Appendix A. – Summary of outcomes from Schools Forum Seminar.

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**Background**

2. The Seminar was arranged at the request of Schools Forum and covered the following subjects:
  - Evolution of Schools Forums ( David Yorath)
  - Inspiring Dudley's Children and Families (Jonathan Crossley-Holland)
  - School Improvement (Dave Perrett)
  - The Children and Young People's Trust in Dudley (Ian McGuff)
3. The event was attended by 15 members and officers. A summary of the evaluation responses is included at Appendix A.
4. Hard copies of the presentations have been issued to all Schools Forum members who were not able to attend the seminar.
5. A number of proposals for the future were put forward as a result of discussion at the seminar; these are also detailed at Appendix A.
6. A further seminar is planned during the summer 2009; Schools Forum is asked to consider the content of the training seminar in order to link with the discussion points raised at the January seminar.

**Finance**

7. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DCSF through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2008.
8. Schools Forums are regulated by the School Forums Regulations 2002 as already amended by the Schools Forums (Amendment) Regulations 2004 the

Schools Forums (Amendment) 2005 Regulations and the Schools Forums (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

9. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct DCSF grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

### **Law**

10. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

### **Equality Impact**

11. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

### **Recommendation**

12. Schools Forum to note the outcomes from the January Schools Forum seminar and to consider the content of a future training seminar, in order to link the discussion points already raised in January.



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