

Schools Forum 16 October 2012

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Regulations 2012

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Budget Working Group Discussed

2. No.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. Schools Forum are responsible for ensuring that the constitution and membership meets the legislative requirements detailed in the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012, which have now been laid before Parliament and are effective from 1 October 2012.

Action for Schools Forum

4. To note the effective date of the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012 which revoke the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010.

Attachments to Report

5. Appendix A – Schools Forum Regulations 2012.
6. Appendix B - Schools Forum Regulations 2012 guidance.

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2. It was reported to Forum members at the 10 July 2012 that the Schools Forum Regulations had been amended by the DfE but were in draft and that the Forum constitution update reflected the required amendments in readiness for the expected implementation date of the Regulations on 1 October 2012.
3. The draft regulations have now been laid before Parliament and will come into force from 1 October 2012. These are attached at Appendix A.
4. The changes to Schools Forum Regulations are summarised in Appendix B.

Finance

5. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2012 to be replaced in 2013 by the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013.
6. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
7. From 1st April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

8. 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

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

Recommendation

10. To note the effective date and content of the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012.

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