

Schools Forum 16 October 2012

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Education Funding Agency Letter to Chairs and Clerks of Schools Forum

Purpose of Report

1. To advise Schools Forum of correspondence from the Education Funding Agency dated 31 August 2012.

Discussed at HTCF – BWG

2. No.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. The Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012 at Regulation 8 (4f) outline that an observer appointed by the Secretary of State may speak at meetings of the forum, even though they are not members of the forum; Dudley's constitution identifies this appointment with observer status.
4. The Secretary of State's representative will be from the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

Actions for Schools Forum

5. To note the Education Funding Agency letter dated 31st August 2012.

Attachments to Report

6. Appendix A - Education Funding Agency Letter dated 31 August.

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2 October 2012

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Background

2. The Education Funding Agencies letter issued to Chairs and Clerks of Schools Forums dated 31st August 2012 is attached at Appendix A.

Finance

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

Law

6. 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

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

Recommendation

8. Schools Forum to note the Education Funding Agency letter at Appendix A.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. J. Porter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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