
Dudley Schools Forum - 9 July 2013

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Proposed Meetings 2013/14 Academic Year

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Schools Forum with a schedule of proposed meeting dates for the 2013/14 academic year.

Budget Working Group Discussed

2. Yes – 24 June 2013.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. The current Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 state that a Schools Forum must meet at least four times a year and are quorate if at least two fifths of the total membership is present at a meeting.

Action for Schools Forum

4. To agree the proposed dates for the 2013/14 academic year.

Attachments to Report

5. Appendix A – Schedule of proposed Schools Forum, Agenda Setting and Budget Working Group meetings for the 2013/14 academic year.

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24 June 2013

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Background

2. The 9 July meeting is the last scheduled meeting of the Forum for the 2012/13 academic year.
3. Whilst the Schools Forum Regulations state that a Schools Forum must meet at least four times a year, the Dudley Schools Forum normally meets six times a year and more frequently if there are strategic funding decisions to be made.
4. Given the ongoing nature of the School Funding Reforms it is anticipated that additional meetings will be required between September 2013 and March 2014. Therefore the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming academic year is detailed in Table 1. In the event that a meeting is not necessary then this will be cancelled and members advised.
5. Table 1 – Schools Forum Meetings for 2013/14 Academic Year

Schools Forum Meeting 6pm	Venue
17 September 2013 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
24 October 2013 (Thur)	Saltwells EDC
20 November 2013 (Wed)	tbc
10 December 2013 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
21 January 2014 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
25 February 2014 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
18 March 2014 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
3 June 2014 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC
8 July 2014 (Tues)	Saltwells EDC

6. The meetings will commence at 6pm and be held at Saltwells Educational Development Centre with the exception of the 20 November, a venue is still to be located.
7. Appendix A includes details of the proposed agenda setting meetings together with meeting dates for the Head Teachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working Group (HTCF-BWG).

Finance

8. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2012.
9. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
10. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

11. 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

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

Recommendation

13. Schools Forum to consider the schedule of meetings proposed for 2013/14 academic year and to advise the Director of Children's Services if any variations are required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Porter', with a horizontal line underneath.

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