

**Schools Forum 2 June 2009**

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

**Closure of Cradley High School - Outturn 2008/09**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise Schools Forum of the 2008/09 financial year end position for Cradley High school.

**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. Yes – 19 May 2009.

**Action for Schools Forum**

3. To note the contents of the report.

**Attachments to Report**

4. None.

Mirella Harris  
Senior Principal Accountant  
18 May 2009

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**Background**

2. Cradley High school closed on 31st August 2008.
3. Cradley High's delegated budget for 2008/09 was £633k. Schools Forum had previously set aside £350k from the 2008/09 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to alleviate the anticipated deficit budget position at the school thus increasing the total resources available to fund Cradley High to £983k.
4. The actual outturn at the end of 2008/09 was £822k. The balance of £161k has been carried forward within the DSG roll-forward.
5. Devolved formula capital of £150k remained unspent at the end of 2008/09; this will be reinvested in other schools via the approved capital programme.
6. The ongoing cost of securing the site will be met from the DSG carry forward until such time that the site is disposed of.

**HTCF – Budget Working Group**

7. At the meeting on the 19th May 2009, the Group noted the report.

**Finance**

8. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DCSF through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2008.
9. 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.
10. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct DCSF 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 note the contents of this report in respect of the closure of Cradley High school.

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

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