

**Schools Forum 10 July 2007**

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

**School, Early Years and 14-16 Funding for 2008-11**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To advise Schools Forum of the DfES's Ministerial Statement on 25 June 2007 in respect of funding for schools, early years and 14-16 funding for 2008-09 to 2010-11.

**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. No.

**Action for Schools Forum**

3. To note the DfES statement.

**Attachments to Report**

4. Appendix A – Ministerial Statement dated 25 June 2007.

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**Background**

2. At the May 2007 meeting, Schools Forum agreed a response to the DfES consultation document regarding the above.
3. The Ministerial Statement issued on 25 June 2007 is attached at Appendix A.
4. Further work will be required to address the issues raised within the statement; this will be reported to Schools Forum in due course.

**Finance**

5. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DfES through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2007
6. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget is funded by a direct DfES grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

**Law**

7. 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**

8. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when

considering the allocation of resources.

### **Recommendation**

9. Schools Forum to note the content of the Ministerial Statement dated 25 June 2007 regarding the school, early years and 14-16 funding for 2008-11.



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