

Schools Forum Seminar 16 and 17 January 2009 - Summary of Outcomes

Summary of evaluation responses received

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Very Poor	Not Stated	Total
16th January							
Speaker (David Yorath)	1	10	4				15
Content	1	6	7			1	15
17th January							
Speaker (Jonathan Crossley-Holland)	4	9				2	15
Content	4	9				2	15
Venue	5	8				2	15
Total	15	42	11	0	0	7	75

Recommendations for Schools Forum	Action By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schools Forum best practice research to be obtained and shared. 	Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft minutes to be circulated within 7 days to aid communication to others. 	Democratic Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schools Forum website to be reviewed. 	Finance/Children's Services ICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative working in townships/clusters/groups to support children and families – key strategic decisions to be made about delivery (eg attendance data, exclusions, behavioural issues at primary phase consider alternative groupings (i.e. one secondary school with 5 feeder schools) 	Headteacher and DCS officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Headteachers feedforward /feedback role communicating to wider forums (township/ business meetings etc). 	Headteachers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive summary of key outcomes to be posted to website after each meeting. 	Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wherever possible issues to be considered by relevant groups prior to being taken to Forum (i.e. Access & Inclusion Group) 	DCS officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A work programme to be established each year (also to cover future years where appropriate). 	Director of Children's Services, Schools Forum Chair and Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where possible have deadlines timetabled earlier which will aid decision making especially where sub groups are used. – (need to have time built in so that Schools Forum can send sub group back to remodel) 	Finance and DCS officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A further session to discuss strategy for Schools Forum to be arranged for Summer 2009. 	DCS officers and Schools Forum

Comments / Feedback

“It was good to listen to the information about other forum groups and know that we are on the right track. NB Following the discussion, would it be worth having a bullet point briefing note after each meeting so that feedback to townships is accurate.”

“Thanks Sue, Karen and Rachel – a thought provoking useful time.”

“A very good team building exercise. Plenty of scope to review practice. The challenge now is to develop our vision as a local authority and to translate this in ways which are agreed and shared.”

“Overall a very good and useful session, more please.”

“Everything was excellent room, food and company, speakers and interaction with other colleagues was very useful.”

“Very interesting.”

“Very useful exercise. However, some time to cover more self evaluation of the forum would have been helpful and how we want to see the forum develop.”

“David Yorath – Could have taken a day on what he raised
Jonathon Crossley-Holland – Was inspiring Superbly organised – many thanks”

“This has covered two issues, training up for colleagues and the opportunity to discuss issues in a way not appropriate in the standard meeting for 6-8ish at Saltwells. We need more of each issue in the future so if we could have a termly session it would help us to make the forum more effective”.

“Useful event that needs to be more regular than in the past.”

“An informative event – good to have this bigger picture, feel better able to contribute to strategic planning and decision making.”