

**Schools Forum – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007**

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

**LEA Benchmarking Tables 2007-08**

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**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. No.

**Action for Schools Forum**

3. To note the 2007/08 financial year S52 benchmarking data.

**Attachments to Report**

4. Appendix A – Per Pupil (Net) Table
5. Appendix B – Year on Year Table
6. Appendix C – Additional Information Table
7. Appendix D – Free Entitlement to Early Years Table

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**Background**

2. Benchmarking tables are now issued annually by the DCSF based on data extracted from Section 52 budget statements as produced by authorities.
3. The main change for 2007/08 is the inclusion of a new table on 2006-07 Early Years planned expenditure.
4. Attached at Appendices A to D are the following tables:
  - Per Pupil (Net) Table
  - Year on Year Table
  - Additional Information Table
  - Free entitlement to Early Years’ Table
5. Additional benchmarking tables are available on the DCSF website (<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STA/t000712/index.shtml>), and comprise as follows:
  - Per Pupil (Gross) Table
  - Key Stage Ratio Table- local and national.

## **Finance**

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

## **Law**

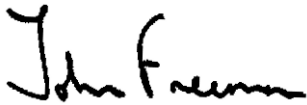
8. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

## **Equality Impact**

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

## **Recommendation**

10. Schools Forum is invited to receive this report and note the contents.



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