



NOTICE OF MEETING

Haringey Schools Forum

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2010 at 15:45 for 16:00 HRS - HARINGEY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, DOWNHILLS PARK ROAD, TOTTENHAM, LONDON N17 6AR.

AGENDA

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Clerk to report.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2009

4. MATTERS ARISING

5. AREA COST ADJUSTMENT

To update members on the latest developments in the Area Cost Adjustment campaign.

6. NATIONAL SCHOOL BALANCES

To inform members of the publication of annual school balances for the financial years 1999-2000 to 2008-2009 and to provide comparisons between Haringey Council and the National and London averages.

7. NEW SCHOOL FACTOR

To inform members of the outcome of consultation on the introduction of a new school factor in Haringey Council's Schools Funding Formula.

8. FORWARD PLAN

To suggest dates for meetings and a programme of work for the period March 2010 to March 2011.

9. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25 February 2010

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL START AT 16:30

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**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM
THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2009**

Attendance

School Members **HEADTEACHERS:**
G. Hill, V. Buckett, *A. Wickham, M. Pattison, C. Witham, S. Easton, C. Shaw, J. Flynn, *H. Chawdhry, *A. Atherton, *T. Hartney, *P. Cozier, J. Jarrett

GOVERNORS:

*S.Crowe, *W. Smith, Dr N. Oparaeché, L. Palmer, *M. Mansfield, *V. Cann, *L. Fisher, *L. Butterfield, *I. Pennell, *S. Miller,

Non School Members *Cllr T. Mallett, *T. Brockman (Chair), *P. Forward, J. O'Neil, *S. Tudor-Hart, *M. Rowland

Observer Cllr L. Reith, R. Whittaker, P. Sutton

Officers *S. Worth, *N. Murton, *I. Bailey, P. Lewis, *J. Smosarski

* Present

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	<p>ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIR</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two nominations for Vice Chair had been received. Tony Hartney (TH), proposed by Andrew Wickham (AW) and seconded by Patrick Cozier (PC) and Laura Butterfield (LB), proposed by Vicky Cann (VC) and seconded by Imogen Pennell (IP) The candidates withdrew from the room and the proposers spoke briefly about each candidate. Ballot forms were circulated – votes were cast as follows:</p> <p>Tony Hartney 8 votes Laura Butterfield 8 votes</p> <p>A coin was tossed to decide the winner and Tony Hartney won the toss. Tony Hartney was declared Vice Chair.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. Reith, Gerald Hill, Maxine Pattison, Cal Shaw, Nathan Oparaeché and Louise Palmer</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2009</p> <p>AGREED The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12th NOVEMBER 2009</p> <p>Minute 4.1.4 – Schools Forum Induction training – 8 members attended</p>	

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a useful and successful session. The Chair thanked Steve Worth (SW) and Neville Murton (NM) for organising and leading the training.

Minute 4.1.5 – LB asked if there had been any response to her query relating to the delay in schools receiving information on the details of service being offered by internal audit. NM replied that he had discussed the issue with Ann Woods, Head of Audit. Ann Woods had tried to contact the Headteacher of Coldfall Primary School but had been unable to do so. She had made no comments to NM as to the reasons for the delay.

Minute 4.1.6 – Single Funding Formula – Written Ministerial Statement ‘Early Years Funding’ tabled

The statement had been released on the day of the meeting. The statement delays the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) until April 2011. The LA is considering the implications of the statement. The LA could choose to join a small group of pathfinder authorities and implement the EYSFF in April 2010 or to wait until 2011. The consultation process has already started and NM recommended that whichever course members opt for the consultation process should continue.

Members discussed whether to recommend that the authority join the pathfinder project. Sarah Crowe (SC) suggested that the authority should delay until 2011 – the issues surrounding full time places have yet to be sorted out and the additional year will give the necessary time to sort out these issues. Melian Mansfield (MM) and NM shared this view. Members agreed not to join the pathfinder authorities.

AGREED – not to implement the EYSFF until April 2011

Members discussed whether to continue with the consultation process, which has recently begun. AW proposed that the consultation process should be abandoned. Once decisions had been taken with regard to full time places the issues we were currently consulting on may well have changed. In addition the implementation will now take place post general election. Inevitably this will lead to further changes. By delaying the consultation the process can be taken in a more timely manner once the outcomes of the election and the implications of future funding for Haringey are known.

MM spoke in favour of continuing and extending the consultation already begun. The working group have completed a huge amount of preparatory work and the additional time will allow for a more thorough, lengthy consultation. Susan Tudor-Hart (STH) agreed with this view adding that the extension would allow for more work to be done in the Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector.

TH supported the proposal to abandon the consultation. His reasons were that there was so much uncertainty about the future both locally and nationally. Attendance at the road show already held had been very small and as Haringey was not to take part in the pathfinder project there was no need to consult prematurely.

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VC supported the proposal to continue with the consultation, the more time available to carry out the consultation the more thorough that consultation could be. In addition the longer period of consultation would allow more time for all schools to look at the implications for their institutions. Ian Bailey (IB) endorsed this point adding that the original period allowed for consultation had been too short and there would now be the opportunity to consult more widely.

Members voted on whether to continue with the consultation:

**VOTES FOR 11
VOTES AGAINST 3
ABSTENTIONS 2**

AGREED; It was agreed to continue with the consultation

The Chair suggested that it was implicit in this decision that there would be an extension of the consultation process and that stakeholders would be written to informing them of the extension.

AGREED: to extend the date of the consultation and advise stakeholders accordingly

NM

The Chair added that the extension would also create the opportunity for the LA to set out their Early Years Policy to inform the consultation. The work of the working party had of necessity focussed on finance rather than education. The working party had been concerned throughout that there was not a clearly defined policy. It was agreed to request such a policy from the LA.

AGREED: to request an Early Years Policy from the LA.

IB

Minute 5 – Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) Update on campaign; an article from the Newham Recorder was tabled

The Chair reported that the campaign in Newham is building up. As a result of the Adjournment debate instigated by Lynn Featherstone, M.P, David Lammy had secured a meeting with Diana Johnson, parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools. She had agreed to meet with a deputation from Haringey including David Lammy, M.P., Cllr Lorna Reith, Tony Brockman and Neville Murton. This meeting took place on the 7th December and those in attendance put the case for Haringey using key elements from the preliminary KPMG research as presented to the last forum meeting. The outcome of this meeting will be a further, in depth meeting with LA officers and senior civil servants to look in detail at the KPMG report. The response from Diana Johnson had been sympathetic.

The meeting had also discussed the timetable in which Ministers would make their decisions after the consultation. Had it not been for the General Election, the department would have expected this to be in June 2009. The deputation had pointed out their concern that decisions were

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	<p>made prior to the General Election</p> <p>Lynn Featherstone has also secured a meeting, which TB will attend.</p> <p>NM reported that the KPMG report is nearing completion. Alex Atherton (AA) thanked those involved for their work. He was encouraged to see that Newham were taking a more active part in the campaign but disappointed that other authorities in similar circumstances had not chosen to support and join the campaign.</p> <p>AW asked if the KPMG report was to be submitted prior to the consultation or during the consultation. NM replied that it was intended that the report be shared with DCSF officials in the meeting that had been secured between them and Haringey officers.</p> <p>Minute 7.4 - Value for Money working group – the date for a first meeting has yet to be set, as officers have been focussing on the EYSFF.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>2010 – 11 BUDGET STRATEGY</p> <p>It was agreed to consider each recommendation and the appropriate section of the report in order.</p> <p>Recommendation (i)</p> <p>The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is based on pupil numbers taken from the January count. The DCSF publish indicative allocations of DSG based on their own estimations of pupil numbers. These are usually an over-estimation and Haringey has tended to use nil growth to estimate future income. Applying this approach, the estimated pupil numbers for 2010 -11 are 31,876 resulting in a DSG of £170.992m. This results in a £6.487m increase in funding. If pupil numbers rise there would be an increase in funding. If pupil numbers are lower there will be a reduction in funding.</p> <p>AW asked whether pupil numbers were rising – there had been huge pressure on primary school places this year. IB replied that although there had been pressure on Reception places the lower numbers on roll in previous years were still working their way through the system. It was therefore safer to assume that pupil numbers would remain the same. Toni Mallett (TM) asked whether the recession had an impact on pupil numbers as a result of movement from the independent sector. IB replied that this had not had a significant impact in Haringey.</p> <p>Recommendation (i) the Forum notes the estimated increase in DSG of £6.487m (paragraph 2.7) together with the factors that might change it. NOTED Recommendation (i) was noted.</p> <p>Recommendation (ii)</p> <p>There is an anticipated 2.1% increase in the MFG. Table 3 of the report</p>	

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shows how the MFG is put together. **NB – these assumptions include a 1% cost efficiency saving.**

Table 4 lays out the assumed inflation rate in Haringey. Overall this stands at 1.928%

Recommendation (ii) the Forum notes the estimated cost of the MFG of £3.455m (paragraph 3.1.4) together with the other inflationary pressures outside the MFG of £152,500 (paragraph 3.1.5 (i) & (ii))

NOTED: Recommendation (ii) was noted.

Recommendation (iii)

The Forum notes the introduction of the EYSFF from April 2010 together with the current consultation process, the outcomes from which will be reported to the Forum in January (Section 3.2)

Withdrawn: -The recommendation was withdrawn – following the extension of the EYSFF

Recommendation (iv)

The result of the consultation agreed at the Schools Forum meeting on the 5th October is not yet known.

Recommendation (iv) The Forum notes the estimated effect of the proposed formula change for the new Heartlands High School of £66,000 (Paragraph 3.3.1)

NOTED: recommendation (iv) was noted.

Recommendation (v)

The numbers and complexities of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) continues to rise. Sarah Miller (SM) asked what steps the LA was taking to improve provision for children with complex needs within borough –thus negating the need to send children out of borough. IB replied that there would be additional places for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) at Heartlands High School and the development of the primary inclusive campus and the Secondary Inclusive Campus would provide additional places for children with complex needs. In addition further primary places for children with ASD were being sought.

Paragraph 3.4.2 refers to a review of the funding for secondary aged pupils at the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit – this unit has traditionally been funded for more places than have been taken up – funding will now match actual numbers.

MM asked if point 3 of 3.4.2 (review of central costs attributable to the EYSFF) was still relevant. NM agreed that this would have to be reconsidered.

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Recommendation (v) the Forum notes the estimated pressures of £140,000 on the SEN budget (paragraph 3.4.1)

NOTED: Recommendation (v) was noted.

Recommendation (vi)

Recommendation (vi) The Forum notes the proposed reprioritisation of resources within central expenditure (paragraph 3.4.2-3.4.3)

NOTED: Recommendation (vi) was noted

Recommendation (vii)

Under the EYSFF regulations this recommendation would have referred to all children whether in the maintained or the PVI sector. The decision to put the ESYFF back by a year means that the inclusion of the PVI sector is not automatic. Inclusion of the PVI sector will impact on the amount of money going into maintained schools. Officers could be requested to explore what this impact would be. The money would be allocated using the AEN /deprivation factor and could only be eligible for pupils within this category. AW asked if there was good quality information on the numbers of children in the PVI sector who would come under this heading. NM confirmed that such information was available, although would be based on the previous years pupils.

STH stated that the funding was for children entitled to extra provision and this should be available no matter where the children were placed. Children should be dealt with equitably.

It would not be possible to consult with all schools on this issue in the timescale and NM proposed to consult with the Forum only. Mark Rowlands (MR) asked how practicable it would be to work out the costs of extending the distribution of any headroom to include the PVI sector. NM said it should be possible to work up some exemplars. Toni Mallett (TM) asked what proportion of children in the PVI sector would be eligible for this funding and whether the agreed levels of deprivation were the same in every sector. NM replied that relative levels of deprivation and ethnic groupings could be calculated. If the PVI sector were to be included the pot of money available would be spread over a wider base and so would reduce the amount that would go into the maintained sector. TH stated that there were serious implications to money being diverted out of the maintained sector and into the independent sector. More work was needed to consider the principles behind such a decision. AW asked if it were agreed to include the PVI sector into this allocation would they receive a similar rate to the maintained schools. NM stated that the rates would be equitable. IB added that each child would need to be assessed on an equitable basis. NM stressed that this discussion relates to headroom only, the EYSFF would be drawing funds from a much larger pot.

The Chair pointed out it was difficult to be making such a decision at this moment with the ministerial announcement only a few hours old. He

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pointed out that the delay to the EYSFF had come about because of schools protesting about the plans for the single funding formula impacting negatively on their budget shares. It was difficult to then try and make a decision about implementing a single strand of the funding voluntarily, and without the rest of the information. AA agreed that the Forum was not in a position to make a decision although in principle he felt that the AEN funding should apply to all children in their early years. He asked how far had the authority had got with allocating the full AEN/ Deprivation funding by need, as he understood that the percentage being allocated in this way was not as much as had been planned.

MM supported STH 's proposal that the headroom should be allocated across all sectors. STH asked if officers could present the work on this area that had been completed. The Chair felt that officers needed at least a steer from the Forum as to which method they favoured, although it was probable that more work would have to be done. IB stated that the implications were not really known and more work would have to be done to fully understand the implications for all providers.

The Chair requested that officers present full exemplifications for both options – the amount of money that would be available if the PVI sector were included and the amount available if the PVI sector were not included.

Recommendation (vii) - the Forum supports the proposal that any remaining headroom be targeted, through the relevant AEN/Deprivation factors, across all relevant settings. (Paragraph 3.5.4)

WITHDRAWN: Recommendation (vii) was withdrawn. Officers were requested to prepare exemplifications to show the effects of distribution of the remaining headroom through the relevant AEN/Deprivation factors with and without the inclusion of the PVI sector.

Recommendation (viii)

From 2010 the LA will assume financial responsibility from the LSC for the funding of all post 16 provision in the area. **The Chair suggested that the forum should write to the DCSF seeking reassurance that the change over will happen in good time so that schools will receive proper and timely notification of funding for their sixth forms.**

AGREED

AW asked if the figures in table 5 meant that the headroom would be £834,396. NM agreed that this was correct. AW noted that there was considerably more headroom this year than last and that therefore more money could be allocated to the AEN/ Deprivation factor allocation.

Recommendation (viii) The Forum notes the other issues referred to in section 4

NOTED: recommendation (viii) was noted

NM

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	STH thanked officers for getting papers out in good time and thanked the Chair and officers for conducting the meeting in a clear and concise manner.	
6.	<p>ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Details of the Chancellor's announcement on 0-19 education was (tabled) The Forum noted the document querying whether the term 'real terms growth' was an accurate description of the frontline investment when 0.9% of this came from efficiencies – this was not new money and should more accurately be described as 'cash growth.'</p> <p>b. VC asked if there were to be another full spending review late in 2010 as the three year funding formula would be ending then. NM said this was anticipated.</p> <p>c. VC asked if there were any update on Single Status. NM agreed to contact Steve Davies for an update.</p> <p>d. SW reported that the audit of teachers' pension contributions was unqualified this year. They were qualified last year because of concerns about controls in some schools that had opted out of the LA payroll SLA.</p>	NM
7.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p><u>Thursday 28th January 2010</u> at 3.45 for 4pm (Now revised to a 4.30 start)</p>	
	The Chair thanked everyone for attending	

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm

TONY BROCKMAN
Chair

Matters Arising from 10 December 2009 meeting***Ref: minute 4.3.8***

A letter dated 23 December 2009 from Jan Doust, was sent to consultees, setting out a revised consultation response date of 12 February 2010.

Ref: Minute 5.8.7**1 Introduction/ Background**

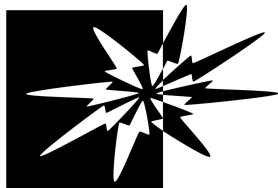
- 1.1 At its meeting held on 10/12/2009 the School Forum were informed of the deferral of the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) until April 2011.
- 1.2 Within the last Budget Strategy report (Agenda item 5), considered by the Forum at that meeting, there was a proposal to distribute any available headroom via deprivation factors within either the mainstream funding formula or the new EYSFF to be agreed.
- 1.3 An outcome of the deferral is that there will not be an EYSFF in place for 2010-11 and therefore currently no mechanism exists for distributing headroom resources through a deprivation factor outside of the mainstream schools formula.
- 1.4 After some discussion the Forum asked that a paper be presented exemplifying options for either distributing headroom resources to all settings or just maintained schools.

2 Outcome.

- 2.1 In drafting the overall budget report of the Chief Financial Officer, for consideration and agreement at the Cabinet meeting on the 26 January, the views expressed at the Schools Forum were reviewed. Concern was expressed that there had not been consultation with schools on the principle being proposed and, furthermore, the decision to delay the implementation of the new formula, the need to incorporate additional aspects such as the review of full time places and the extension of the consultation, senior officers reached the conclusion that there was no option but to allocate the residual headroom in accordance with the existing policy.
- 2.2 Consideration of the deprivation factor within the Early Years Single Funding Formula will now continue within the School Forum working group with any future proposals being consulted on alongside all other aspects of the Single Funding Formula.

Ref: Minute 6.3

- 1 The following update in relation to Single Status has been produced following information received from Steve Davies (Head of HR)
 - 1.1 HR have collected and evaluated a number of job descriptions over recent months. The majority of the JD's were from the Schools Model JD Handbook. These initial evaluations have been sent to the unions for comment by 22/01/10. Of the job descriptions we have obtained and evaluated we estimate that these cover approximately 50% of staff.
 - 1.2 Once we have reviewed any comments from the unions on the evaluation scores we will then forward the evaluations to the Schools Head teachers for their staff consultation process and final comments before agreeing an implementation date.
 - 1.3 In summary therefore there are a number of staff and job descriptions that we have still to collect and evaluate and this work will continue over the next 3-4 months. Until all JD's have been received, evaluated and agreed the financial impact cannot be finally determined.



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Report Status

For information/note
 For consultation & views
 For decision

Report to Haringey Schools Forum [28 January 2010]

Report Title: Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) Working Group Update

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Purpose: To update the Forum on the latest position reached by the ACA working group and outline the next steps.

Recommendations:

- (i) The Forum notes the current position and the proposed arrangements for launching the work commissioned from KPMG.
- (ii) Approval to the final consultation response be delegated to the ACA working group of the Schools Forum.

1. Background and Introduction.

1.1. The Forum is aware of the work that has been continuing with KPMG on Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) methodologies, to construct the best case for responding to the forthcoming review of the methodology for allocating Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) between authorities.

1.2. This paper updates the Forum on the latest position and in particular feeds back from a meeting held with DCSF officials which was itself an outcome of the meeting, held before Christmas, with the Minister Diana Johnson MP.

- 1.3. It also considers the next steps which involves the proposed arrangements for making available the outcomes of the KPMG review and encouraging its use in responding to the forthcoming consultation on the DSG review.

2. Summary of KPMG Conclusions

- 2.1. The work undertaken by KPMG has focussed on reviewing the options being evaluated by the government's advisers (PWC) in the context of their impact on Haringey. They have also considered a number of other lines of enquiry which the working group has determined with a view to providing an evidence base which may support the Haringey case.

- 2.2. The primary conclusions of the KPMG report are that:

- there is no irrefutable evidence to support the argument that Haringey can simply be considered an inner-London authority for the purposes of DSG;
- the proposals set out in the PWC report that contain proposals for considering the characteristics of each authority separately (149 Geography) as opposed to the current groupings (49 Geography) benefit Haringey;
- the proposals for smoothing allocations such that 'cliff edges' between adjacent authorities are minimised also benefit Haringey (assuming that Haringey is not simply reclassified as an inner-London authority); and
- hybrid approaches which contain elements of both the General Labour Market approach and the Specific Cost approach benefit Haringey, compared to the current arrangements.

3. Meeting with DCSF Officials

- 3.1. Following the meeting with Diana Johnson MP, a meeting was held on 8 January 2010 between key officials at the DCSF including Stephen Kingdom and Andrew Wye. Tony Brockman as chair of the Schools Forum attended along with Neville Murton, Steve Worth and Nick Ratcliffe and John Bolt from KPMG.

- 3.2. The meeting was extremely productive and from it the following conclusions were apparent:

- The most likely consultation period for changes to the DSG allocation formula will be from around the beginning of February for a period of 12 weeks – consequently the timing of any decisions on changes will be affected by the forthcoming election;
- DCSF officials are constrained to an extent by the formula operated by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) – this seemed in particular to mitigate against the 149 geography options which were not favoured by the DCSF officials;
- There was no enthusiasm whatsoever at DCSF for a Cost of living approach based on house prices;

- There was little enthusiasm for smoothing either, as a 'pure' formula approach was clearly favoured by DCSF and DCLG;
 - Some of the data provided by the government's advisors was erroneous – of particular significance was a hybrid option which used 70% specific cost (based on teachers pay) together with a 30% General Labour Market element;
 - DCSF seemed to accept the merits of a Specific Cost Approach in which the allocation of DSG reflects the cost of teachers salaries – such an approach (as described above) would benefit Haringey compared to the current formula; and
 - DCSF officials hinted strongly that certain grants, which currently sit outside the DSG, could be incorporated into DSG and as a result attract an ACA uplift. The main grants that seemed to be in mind were the various School Standards Grants and School Development grant which, as there is currently no recognition of area costs in the allocation of these, would also significantly benefit Haringey.
- 3.3. The overall conclusions which officers have drawn from the meeting was that the consultation documents are likely to include two main options – a hybrid as described above or an approach based entirely on a General Labour Market approach and 49 Geography.
- 3.4. Because the hybrid approach recognises the position of the 6 'sandwich' boroughs (those outer London boroughs paying inner London salaries) this approach effectively creates a 51 geography approach (because the 6 authorities are grouped into two new ACA categories – Outer London West and Outer London East).
- 3.5. The hybrid approach is beneficial to Haringey as it recognises the higher rates paid to teaching staff and, based on corrected data provided following the DCSF meeting, KPMG have modelled that the gap between the inner-London uplift and Haringey's ACA uplift would move from a 18.8% difference to a 6.6% difference in funding levels. It should be noted that this 'narrowing' of the gap cannot be assumed at current funding levels i.e. such an approach is likely to result in losses for inner-london authorities compared with their current funding levels and the gap would consequently be based on these lower levels.
- 3.6. Whilst not closing completely the gap, and therefore confirming that de facto we would not be considered an inner-London authority, it is clearly a significant closing of the gap and all things being equal would result in a large increase of DSG resources for the authority. This position might not be reached in a single year as any transitional implementation proposals would limit any overall gain from all of the proposed formula changes.
- 3.7. The following section considers the approach to using the information provided by KPMG and our understanding of the position from the meetings with the DCSF to shape our approach to the imminent consultation process.

4. Next Steps

4.1. There are now two main strands to the work in this area:

- Considering and responding to the DCSF consultation on the review of the DSG Formula – this will be wider than consideration of just the ACA issue and so, in addition to using the KPMG data, will require further evaluation of options, their basis in principle for distributing DSG and their relative effect on Haringey.
- The launch/ use of the KPMG information in briefing interested parties in order to support widespread response to the DCSF consultation on a basis which supports our preferred option(s) – on the basis of the KPMG analysis and the DCSF meeting this is likely to be in support of the hybrid option.

4.2. Following a discussion between the Chair of the Forum, the Lead Member and Officers, we are proposing that, following the Schools Forum meeting scheduled for the 25 February 2010, we hold a public event to inform people about the DCSF consultation, raise awareness of the KPMG outcomes and to assist in understanding the issues so that any responses made are as focussed as possible. We have identified a very broad audience and hope to have some media reporting of the event.

4.3. In order to facilitate the maximum attendance we are suggesting that the start of the Forum meeting be delayed by half an hour and runs from 4.30 to 6.30pm with the public event starting shortly thereafter. A letter will be sent out shortly inviting people to the event and confirming the details.

4.4. We would aim to attract as many interested parties as possible to the event and would seek at that event to generate the maximum response from stakeholders to the DCSF consultation on the basis of the KPMG conclusions.

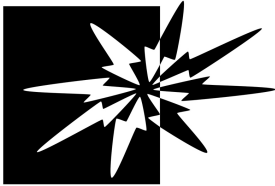
5. Conclusions/ Recommendations

5.1. We have reached the stage where we are confident that we have the information necessary to shape our collective response, at least for the key ACA issue, to the forthcoming DCSF consultation and further, we are confident of those areas which are likely to be received positively at the DCSF and by Ministers and which therefore have the greatest chance of success.

5.2. A key aim is to achieve a commonality of response in support of our preferred option and we have identified a proposed approach for launching the outcomes of the KPMG work and maintaining the profile of the campaign in Haringey.

- 5.3. For those other aspects of the DCSF consultation officers will need to evaluate the options proposed and carry out some detailed analysis that is likely to mean that a final response to all aspects of the consultation may not be available for consideration by a suitable Forum meeting; it is therefore proposed that the agreement of the final response to the DCSF consultation be delegated to the ACA working group.

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Report to Haringey Schools Forum 28th January 2010

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Report Status

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Report Title: National School Balances

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Purpose:

To inform members of the publication of annual school balances for the financial years 1999-2000 to 2008-09 and to provide comparisons between Haringey Council and the national and London averages.

Recommendations

- I. That members note the publication of the tables.
- II. That the implications of the appendices inform the Forum's response to the forthcoming consultation on changes to the methodology for allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant.

1. Background and Introduction.

- 1.1. An intention behind the introduction of Local Management of Schools (LMS) was to improve governing bodies' long term strategic planning in using the resources delegated to them. The ability to carry forward surpluses and deficits was part of LMS, allowing governing bodies to accumulate surpluses for specific planned uses or, with the permission of the local authority, to overspend in the short term for agreed reasons. It also allows governing bodies to budget for a prudent level of contingency to meet unforeseen expenditure. However, carrying forward surpluses may result in current pupils not benefiting from the resources allocated for them.
- 1.2. The government has become increasingly concerned about the growth in the national level of school surpluses, see Table 1, and believes that a substantial part has arisen through a lack of proper planning. The government has responded by introducing various measures in an attempt to improve planning and to clawback excessive uncommitted balances. They have also published comparative tables of school and local authority balances, most recently that relating to 2008/09 and previous years. The tables can be found at:

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/strategy/financeandfunding/nformationforlocalauthorities/section52/schoolbalances/s52sb/>

Table 1. Growth in National School Surpluses.

Year	National Total	National % of School Income
	£m	%
1999-2000	741	4.5
2000-01	1,086	5.8
2001-02	1,257	6.1
2002-03	1,193	5.0
2003-04	1,324	5.1
2004-05	1,533	5.5
2005-06	1,570	5.3
2006-07	1,670	5.3
2007-08	1,919	5.8
2008-09	1,782	5.2

2. Comparison at Local Authority Level.

- 2.1. Appendix 1 compares Haringey Council's position on key indicators in 1999-2000 and 2008-09 with the averages for London and England and its ranking in those years among the 150 local authorities surveyed.

- 2.2. It is notable that Haringey ranks highly among authorities with schools in deficit and is towards the bottom for schools in surplus and with excessive balances.
- 2.3. Many factors may affect the level of balances held by individual schools; similarly, there may be various reasons why the average percentage of balances in one local authority may differ from another. Nevertheless, the data supports the view that the resources Haringey receives for school funding is relatively low in comparison with the costs faced by its schools.

3. Individual Schools' Balances.

- 3.1. The national tables include school balances as a percentage of school income. Appendix 2 ranks Haringey schools into deciles using this percentage.
- 3.2. It is notable that Haringey schools are not evenly distributed across the deciles, with more represented in the lower deciles (those with a lower percentage of surpluses compared with income). It is also notable that the position is worsening; in 1999-2000, more than a third of Haringey schools were in the top half, whereas, by 2008-09 this had fallen to a little over a quarter.
- 3.3. The caveat must again be made that many factors may influence balances at both a school and local authority level. Nevertheless, and particularly given the large population of schools involved, the level of resources available to schools compared with the costs they face may well be a significant factor.

4. Comparison by London Area Cost Adjustment.

- 4.1. Appendix 3 compares data on 2008-09 balances for London authorities. The authorities have been sorted into six Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) groups:
 - Inner London,
 - Outer London East,
 - Outer London East 'Sandwich' (authorities paying teachers inner London weighting),
 - Outer London West
 - Outer London West 'Sandwich',
 - City of London.
- 4.2. The position in Appendix 3 is much less clear-cut than that shown in the first two appendices. Haringey shares bottom place for its percentage of revenue balances and the average balances of the outer east group are significantly lower than the other groups. However, within the outer east group the 'sandwich' boroughs have higher average balances than the others.

4.3. Again, the caveat is made that many factors can influence balances but this analysis may indicate a wider problem with the outer east ACA weighting than that experienced by the sandwich boroughs.

5. Conclusions.

5.1. The national level of school balances is of concern and may influence future decisions on the national allocation of resources for schools. Measures such as the Financial Management Standards in Schools (FMSiS) are in place to improve the strategic planning of school resources and the implementation of 'clawback' provisions in authorities' 'Schemes for Financing Schools' act as a deterrent to unplanned surpluses.

5.2. The analysis of the national data has necessarily been brief and the reasons underlying the accumulation of balances at both school and authority level is subject to differing interpretations. Nevertheless, the comparative data appears to support the view that the national allocation of resources for education disadvantage Haringey schools.

6. Recommendations.

- I. That members note the publication of the tables.**
- II. That the implications of the appendices inform the Forum's response to the forthcoming consultation on changes to the methodology for allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant.**

Appendix 1 Comparison of Haringey Council Total School Revenue Balances with the Averages for London and England.

1999/2000 Financial Year								
Area	Average Revenue Balance per School	Total Revenue Balance as % of Total Revenue Income	Percentage of Schools in Deficit	Percentage of Schools in Surplus	Percentage of Schools with Excess Surpluses Note 1	Ranking Percentage of Schools in Deficit	Ranking Percentage of Schools in Surplus	Ranking Percentage of Schools with Excess Surpluses
	£000	%	%	%	%			
Haringey	13	1.5	30.8	69.2	18.7	3	134	115
London	48	4.7	11.9	87.4	33.5			
England	32	4.5	10.7	88.7	33.3			

2008/2009 Financial Year								
Area	Average Revenue Balance per School	Total Revenue Balance as % of Total Revenue Income	Percentage of Schools in Deficit	Percentage of Schools in Surplus	Percentage of Schools with Excess Surpluses Note 1	Ranking: Percentage of Schools in Deficit	Ranking: Percentage of Schools in Surplus	Ranking: Percentage of Schools with Excess Surpluses
	£000	%	%	%	%			
Haringey	83.8	3.4	17.5	82.5	12.5	13	136	142
London	134.3	5.7	9.9	89.7	33.5			
England	80.9	5.2	8.4	91.2	32.7			

Note 1: The definition of excess balances used here ignores any future year commitments agreed by governing bodies)

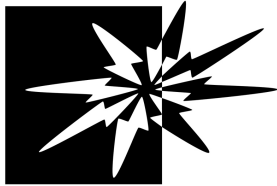
**Appendix2 Individual School Balances as a Percentage of School Income:
Ranking of Haringey Schools in National Deciles.**

1999-2000			
Decile	Number of Haringey Schools in Decile	Cumulative Number	Expected Cumulative Number (9.1 per Decile)
1	3	3	9
2	7	10	18
3	6	16	27
4	6	22	36
5	9	31	46
6	7	38	55
7	11	49	64
8	7	56	73
9	11	67	82
10	24	91	91

2008-09			
Decile	Number of Haringey Schools in Decile	Cumulative Number	Expected Cumulative Number (8 per Decile)
1	2	2	8
2	1	3	16
3	4	7	24
4	6	13	32
5	8	21	40
6	12	33	48
7	8	41	56
8	8	49	64
9	16	65	72
10	15	80	80

Appendix 3 A Comparison of London Authority Balances by Area Cost Adjustment Weighting.

Local Authority Name	2008-09				
	Total number of schools	Total revenue balance (£)	Total Revenue Income £	Average revenue balance (£ per school)	Total revenue balance as a % of total revenue income
England	22,025	1,781,973,700	34,583,595,473	£80,907	5.2%
London	2,433	326,673,106	5,778,793,428	£134,268	5.7%
Camden	57	6,194,545	141,492,746	£108,676	4.4%
Greenwich	86	14,070,309	213,950,621	£163,608	6.6%
Hackney	67	11,047,373	161,146,589	£164,886	6.9%
Hammersmith and Fulham	52	9,240,671	102,905,704	£177,705	9.0%
Islington	59	5,366,817	140,540,088	£90,963	3.8%
Kensington and Chelsea	36	4,275,891	72,121,150	£118,775	5.9%
Lambeth	82	13,790,370	193,343,430	£168,175	7.1%
Lewisham	87	9,902,903	193,440,484	£113,826	5.1%
Southwark	93	12,777,788	185,072,706	£137,396	6.9%
Tower Hamlets	97	24,169,651	273,963,264	£249,172	8.8%
Wandsworth	77	16,384,058	185,791,522	£212,780	8.8%
Westminster	53	5,060,223	103,675,492	£95,476	4.9%
Inner London	846	132,280,600	1,967,443,795	£156,360	6.7%
Bexley	80	6,487,204	178,567,289	£81,090	3.6%
Bromley	97	9,761,566	215,460,626	£100,635	4.5%
Croydon	122	8,500,586	226,786,277	£69,677	3.7%
Enfield	90	10,057,726	258,605,260	£111,753	3.9%
Havering	86	6,152,872	168,208,565	£71,545	3.7%
Redbridge	73	9,007,722	219,036,516	£123,393	4.1%
Waltham Forest	80	7,925,427	192,264,093	£99,068	4.1%
Outer East	628	57,893,103	1,458,928,625	£92,186	4.0%
Barking and Dagenham	58	6,483,203	159,525,184	£111,779	4.1%
Haringey	80	6,710,462	197,351,560	£83,881	3.4%
Newham	91	13,362,306	280,485,839	£146,839	4.8%
Outer East (Sandwich)	229	26,555,971	637,362,584	£115,965	4.2%
Barnet	114	10,265,482	244,257,176	£90,048	4.2%
Harrow	69	9,854,533	149,351,041	£142,819	6.6%
Hillingdon	88	10,762,797	207,892,234	£122,305	5.2%
Hounslow	78	12,297,476	184,457,416	£157,660	6.7%
Kingston-upon-Thames	48	5,633,592	107,148,292	£117,366	5.3%
Richmond-upon-Thames	52	5,937,461	98,094,988	£114,182	6.1%
Sutton	60	4,991,873	148,780,712	£83,198	3.4%
Outer West	509	59,743,214	1,139,981,859	£117,374	5.2%
Brent	81	18,577,060	242,079,182	£229,346	7.7%
Ealing	87	25,721,070	229,416,139	£295,644	11.2%
Merton	52	5,725,788	101,990,021	£110,111	5.6%
Outer West (Sandwich)	220	50,023,919	573,485,342	£227,381	8.7%
City of London	1	176,300	1,591,223	£176,300	11.1%



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Report to Haringey Schools Forum 28th January 2010

**Agenda Item
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Report Status

For information/note
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Report Title: New School Funding Factor

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Purpose:

To update members on the outcome of consultation on the introduction of a funding factor for new schools.

Recommendations

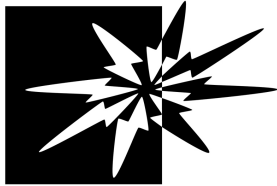
That a lump sum New School Factor is introduced for 2010 using the methodology agreed by the Forum on 5th October 2009.

1. Report.

- 1.1. The Schools Forum at its meeting of 5th October 2009 agreed to consultation on the introduction of a lump sum funding allocation for the governing bodies of new schools.
- 1.2. Consultation with Schools on the proposal and methodology took place between 20th November 2009 and 14th January 2010.
- 1.3. Five responses were received all in support of the proposal.

2. Recommendation.

That a lump sum New School Factor is introduced for 2010 using the methodology agreed by the Forum on 5th October 2009.



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**Agenda Item
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Purpose:

To suggest dates for meetings and a programme of work for the period March 2010 to March 2011.

Recommendations

That the Forum agrees the meetings and work plan proposed.

1. Proposed Meeting and Work Plan March 2010 to March 2011

The following table sets out proposed dates and reports for meetings. Meetings will be 15.45 for 16.00 starts unless otherwise stated.

Proposed Date	Proposed Reports
25 th February 2010 (pre-agreed) 16.30 to 18.30 (new time) Followed by launch of response to consultation on the area cost adjustment. 19.30 to 20.30	School Budget 2010-11
	Integrated Learning Campus
	National consultation on DSG formula changes
	School Lunch Grant
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Response to consultation on Early Years Single Funding Formula
29 th April 2010	Arrangements for the use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school
	Proposed changes to Haringey Schools Funding Formula including Early Years Single Funding Formula.
	Arrangements for insurance
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	FMSiS
1st July 2010	Arrangements for free school meals
	Proposed changes to Haringey Schools Funding Formula including Early Years Single Funding Formula.
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Final Dedicated Schools Grant allocation.
	Election procedures for Chair
	Outcome of DSG consultation.
	School Outturn and Surplus Balances
23 rd September 2010	Consultation of Changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools and the schools funding formula
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Schools Forum Terms of Reference
	Section 52 benchmarking 2010-11 budgets and 2009-10 outturn
11 th November 2010	Arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Schools Budget 2011/12
9 th December 2010	Outcome of consultation on changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools and the schools funding formula.
	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Schools Budget 2011/12
Proposed Date	Proposed Reports
27 th January 2011	Standards Fund

	Update from working parties (standing item)
	Forward Plan
	Arrangements for early years education
Proposed Date	Proposed Reports
24 th February 2011	School Budget 2010-11
	Update from working parties (standing item)

2. Recommendations.

That the Forum agrees the meetings and work plan proposed

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