



Haringey Council

The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum 25 February 2010

**Agenda Item
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Report Title: Update from Working Parties

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Purpose:

To keep Members of the Forum updated on working party meetings and actions arising.

Recommendations

Members receive and note the work being undertaken in working parties.

1. Background and Introduction.

1.1. From time to time the Forum sets up working parties to take forward particular pieces of work. It has been agreed that each Forum meeting will receive a brief update of the work undertaken within the working parties. The following working parties currently exist:

- Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) WP
- Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) WP
- Best Value WP
- Constitution WP

1.2. Each are considered further below.

2. ACA WP

- 2.1. Initially formed to oversee the work undertaken by KPMG on the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor, at the last meeting of the Forum it was agreed to extend the scope of the group to consider and agree the response to all aspects of the forthcoming consultation on the DSG formula review. The work undertaken by the group was reported to the last meeting of the Forum culminating in meetings with Minister(s) and the public meeting being held today.
- 2.2. The next meeting is being provisionally arranged to align with the expected consultation period.

3. EYSFF WP

- 3.1. The group was formed to work up proposals for a single funding formula for wide consultation. Initial consultation has taken place although in view of the deferral until April 2011 of its implementation further work will be carried out to develop in the light of consultation revised proposals. A further period of consultation will follow.
- 3.2. A series of meetings have been arranged – the next is scheduled for 8/3/2010.

4. Best value WP

- 4.1. This group was agreed following publication of the Audit Commissions report into Value for money “Valuable Lessons”. Its first scheduled meeting is 2/3/2010.

5. Constitution WP

- 5.1. Formed to carry out a review of the School Forum constitution the first meeting of the group was held on 12/2/2010. Tony Brockman was elected as chair of the group and a thorough review of the constitution and associated matters was undertaken.
- 5.2. Action points from the meeting setting out proposed changes and areas for further consideration are to be made available by 31 March 2010 with a first draft of a revised constitution being circulated to the group in advance of the next meeting scheduled for 10/5/2010.

Membership of the working parties (excluding officers) is shown overleaf.

Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) WP

Tony Brockman
Tony Hartney
Vicky Cann
Melian Mansfield
Cal Shaw

Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) WP

Val Bucket
Peter Caitling
Tony Brockman
Hasan Chawdhry
Melian Mansfield
Sarah Crowe
Susan Tudor-Hart
Sharon Easton

Best Value WP

Tony Brockman
Andrew Wickham
Laura Butterfield

Constitution WP

Tony Brockman (C)
Melian Mansfield
Nathan Oparaeché
Cllr. Reith