



**Haringey** Council

**The Children and Young People's Service**

**Report to Haringey Schools Forum 13 May 2010**

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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. Since the last meeting of the Forum, which was followed by the public meeting, the working party has not physically met. However, as promised at the public meeting a range of materials to support individuals and groups has been circulated widely both before and after Easter. In addition the ACA issue continues to be raised at Headteacher and Governor briefings and other relevant fora.
- 2.2. Officers have also attended a meeting organised by London Councils to share views on the consultation document.
- 2.3. A paper setting out an initial response to the full consultation paper appears on the agenda today (13 May 2010) and a meeting of the ACA working group is being convened to finalise the response taking into account the views from the meeting.

## **3. EYSFF WP**

- 3.1. The working group has met twice since the last Forum meeting, on 8 March 2010 and the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- 3.2. At the first meeting the membership of the group was reviewed and further members are being identified both to provide broader support and back up and also to ensure that representation from all relevant settings is available.
- 3.3. At the second meeting a substantial part was taken up considering the first draft of an 'Early Childhood Strategy'.
- 3.4. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 May 2010.

## **4. Best value WP**

- 4.1. A meeting of the Best Value Working Party took place on 2nd March and the possible direction of the work discussed. Two members of the working party attended a subsequent presentation on on-line procurement hosted by the DCSF's Educational Procurement Centre. The use of this system by Haringey schools is under consideration. A subsequent meeting of the working party to agree its remit was cancelled due to year end pressures and staff shortages in Children's Services Finance.
- 4.2. It is hoped that this meeting can be reconvened in June, once closure is finished.

## **5. Constitution WP**

- 5.1. Following the first meeting of this group, a revised constitution has been drawn up and circulated to the members of the group for their consideration at a meeting to be held on May 10 2010. Any key outcomes from that meeting will be reported orally to this meeting.

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 (C)  
Sarah Crowe  
Susan Tudor-Hart  
Sharon Easton  
Diane Richardson

**Best Value WP**

Tony Brockman  
Andrew Wickham  
Laura Butterfield  
Bill Barker

**Constitution WP**

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