

Agenda Item 12

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The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum 1st July 2010

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 a Working Party (WP) 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. Forum on 13th May 2010 received a draft response to the Department for Education's consultation on changes to the Dedicated Schools Grant. Feedback at and following the meeting was considered by the WP on 20th May and a final response was sent to the DfE. The response is included as the Appendix to agenda item 10.
- 2.2. The WP has no further meetings scheduled, but will reconvene when necessary.

3. EYSFF WP

- 3.1. Following the last update, the WP met on 18th May.
- 3.2. The WP received information on the piloting of a local accreditation scheme. At present, the quality of settings varies and the scheme is aimed at raising all to an excellent quality. The final draft of the scheme is expected in September 2010 with all settings being visited in January 2011 and 'star' ratings awarded in February 2011. Officers are currently discussing how this can feed into the EYSFF's quality supplement.
- 3.3. The WP also received an implementation plan for the new Code of Practice.
- 3.4. It was noted that further work is still required on special needs and full-time nursery places.
- 3.5. The next meeting is scheduled for 24 June 2010.

4. Best value WP

4.1. Arrangements are in hand to convene this WP, which has not met since 2nd March due to staffing and other pressures.

5. Constitution WP

5.1. The WP met on 10 May to consider a revised constitution. This is now largely complete and will be reported to Forum at its September 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