



**Haringey** Council

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

**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Agenda Item  
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**Report Title: Schools Forum Working Parties.**

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**Purpose: To seek members views on the status of Forum working parties not currently active.**

**Recommendations:**

**That members decide whether the Best Value Working Party should be reconstituted and agree to put the Area Cost Adjustment Working Party into abeyance.**

## **1. Background and Introduction.**

1.1. The Forum has established a number of working parties in the past to look in more depth at issues identified as interest to the Forum. Some of the working parties have come to a natural end following completion of their work, such as the group that framed the Forum's current constitution; others are still active such as the Early Years Single Funding Formula Working Party, which was involved in framing the full-time nursery place proposals; and others in abeyance for the reasons set out below. The Forum is asked to consider the status and membership of this latter group.

## **2. Best Value Working Party.**

2.1. This group was set up with the following membership to look at promoting good practice in the use of resources. Two of the four members are no longer on the Forum and the group has not met since October 2010. The Forum is asked whether it wants the group to continue and if so to decide membership. Due to other commitments it would be difficult for officers to service this group this term.

- Andrew Wickham – No longer a Forum member.
- Tony Brockman – No longer a Forum member
- Bill Barker
- Laura Butterfield

2.2. The groups's remit is to:

2.2.1. Advise the LA in promoting best value practice in schools and other educational establishments, in particular:

2.2.2. Preparing and delivering best value guidance and continuing and progressive training in best value for head teachers, governors and relevant staff in schools.

2.2.3. Promoting the use of best practice in purchasing by schools including developing the use of procurement services, for example the Educational Procurement Centre and the 'OPEN' system.

2.2.4. Promote best practice in budgeting for best value.

2.2.5. To act as a critical friend in reviewing the support, guidance and services, including procurement services, provided by the LA in support of achieving best value.

2.2.6. To feedback to the Schools Forum on progress in this area.

## **3. Area Cost Adjustment Working Party.**

- 3.1. This group was set up to co-ordinate the campaign for a fair Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) for Haringey. The campaign was very successful in making our argument heard but we are still awaiting change. This should be incorporated in the national changes expected to be announced shortly.
- 3.2. The membership of the group is:
  - Tony Brockman – no longer a Forum member.
  - Tony Hartney
  - Melian Mansfield
  - Cal Shaw
- 3.3. It is recommended that the group is held in abeyance pending the publication of the DfE's proposals and a decision then taken on whether the group needs to continue.