

Schools Forum Agenda

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Time: 5:00 –7:00pm

Date: Thursday 15 July 2010

Venue: Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Catford

Order of Business

1. **Minutes of Meetings: - Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 May 2010.**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Children and Young People Directorate in-year savings and long term financial position – Dave Richards** **For Discussion**
Central government has announced in-year cuts to various grants, while not effecting directly the DSG they do effect services supporting schools. This paper outlines the position and looks at the longer term financial position in the light of the recent budget.
4. **Special Educational Needs Review - John Russell.** **For Discussion and Decision**
This papers considers the protocols for SEN and sets out the collective role of the Local Authority and schools for statutory assessments.
5. **School Budgets - Capping of school carry forwards and schools in deficit – Dave Richards** **For Discussion and Decision**
Three schools exceeded the capping limit without authorisation. This report looks at the circumstances and asks the forum whether they wish to cap the schools concerned. Details of the schools in deficit are also provided for information.
6. **Progress on the implementation of the early years pilot – Sue Tipler / Christine Grice** **For Information**
An update of the current position
7. **Carbon Reduction Programme - Dave Richards** **For Discussion and Decision**
The report looks at the possible options and how this will be taken forward.
8. **Financial Management Standards in Schools – Dave Richards** **For Information**
This group has met infrequently and this paper reviews it terms of reference and future.
9. **Expansion of Academies policy / new schools – Dave Richards** **For Discussion**
To consider the likely impact
10. **Any Other Business**

Dates of Future Meetings

23 September 2010

18 November 2010

20 January 2011

17 March 2011

19 May 2011

Future agenda Items

23-Sept	Budget monitoring Report S52 Benchmarking Budget Setting Improving the forecasting of the DSG and three year budget in schools
18-Nov	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair Budget monitoring Report Budget setting Finance Manual changes Audit Update Scheme of delegation changes