

Schools Forum Agenda

Date: **Thursday 18 November 2010**

Time: **4:30 – 6:30pm**

Venue: Room 4 Civic Suite, Town Hall

Order of Business

1. **Minutes of Meetings: - Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2010.**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chair**
4. **Audit Update – David Austin** **For discussion**

An update on recent schools audits and consideration of common recommendations being made.
5. **SEN Protocol – John Russell** **For Decision**

To agree the protocol following feedback from the strategic groups
6. **Comprehensive Spending Review – Dave Richards** **For Discussion and decision.**

This paper looks at the recent announcements and the possible impact.
7. **Budget Monitoring - Dave Richards** **For Discussion**

An update on the latest budget monitoring position
8. **Scheme of delegation / Finance Manual - Floyd Roberts** **For discussion and decision**

This paper considers the annual update of these documents.
9. **Schools Forum Terms of reference - Dave Richards** **For discussion and decision**

The Public Accounts Committee review of the Schools Forum requested that the terms of reference of the Forum should be expanded to include a mention of accountability. This paper looks at the changes and seeks the Forum's agreement.
10. **S52 Benchmarking – Dave Richards** **For discussion**

An analysis the 2010/11 benchmarking data.
11. **Next calendar year work plan – Dave Richards** **For discussion and decision**

To consider the work programme for the next calendar year and to agree to circulate the list to schools and chair of governors for comment, as requested by the public Accounts Committee.

12. Any other Business

Background Papers

1. School Finance Regulations Consultation

This consultation is in line with expectations and there is no response being currently considered. If members on reading the paper wish to make comment please contact Dave Richards on (0208 314 9442) or e-mail dave.richards@lewisham.gov.uk.

Dates of Future Meetings (to be discussed at this meeting see Item 6)

20 January 2011 (To be rearranged)

17 March 2011

19 May 2011