

FINANCE REVIEW REPORT

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SCHOOLS FORUM

7 JULY 2009

Schools Affected

ALL

Purpose

1. To consider an independent report on Schools Funding Issues and report back to the Schools' Task Group.

Financial Implication

2. All schools will be affected in time by the impact of falling rolls and reducing budgets. The report will be presented by Lynn Wright, Independent Consultant.

Background

3. Following the School Review the Task Group has been established to consider the way forward. The funding of schools needs to be carefully considered in light of falling rolls and tighter budgets as any future decision over funding formula and any possible changes to school provision will be interdependent. The task group have asked that the Forum carry out this discussion as part of their statutory function.

Issues or Risks

4. Failure to fully consider the implication of any changes to either future funding models/decisions or the pattern of school provision will inevitably mean that the impact of funding and its effective distribution is affected thus impacting on both the educational outcomes and the experience of Children and Young People in Herefordshire.

Recommendations

That the Forum:

debates the issues thoroughly and offer any formal comment or recommendation to the Schools' Task Group prior to their

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planned formal consultation on the next steps in the autumn term.

Appendices

Appendix 1. PowerPoint presentation on funding streams including DSG.

Appendix 2. Finance paper by Lynn Wright, Independent Consultant

(The above will be presented at the meeting to ensure an opportunity for everyone to understand and debate the key issues).

Background Papers

None

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