

Schools Funding Working Group

4th June 2014, 8:30am, Salisbury Meeting Room, County Hall

Minutes

Present: Liz Williams, Neil Baker, Catriona Williamson, Martin Watson, Phil Cook, John Hawkins

Apologies: Andy Bridewell, Steve Clark, Grant Davis

1	Minutes from Previous Meeting Universal Infant Free School Meal Entitlement – NB asked whether any details were available on the question that would be asked in the pupil census to drive the funding for UIFSM. EW confirmed that no information had yet been received.	
2	Final Outturn 2013-14 EW presented a summary of the provisional outturn for the Dedicated Schools Budget 2013-14. Whilst the overall position was similar to the forecast presented to Schools Forum in March there was some movement on individual lines as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final budget adjustment for academy recoupment• Final adjustment to the funding for the Early Years Block following the January 2014 Early Years Census The Group discussed the expenditure on Education for Looked After Children and EW confirmed that a review of spend showed all expenditure was on education provision, in some cases in Wiltshire schools and in other cases the budget was supporting Alternative Provision costs for individual children.	
3	Procurement of Licence for School Information Management System EW updated the Working Group on the current position with regard to the procurement of licences for the Schools Information Management System. The Council is currently reviewing options to ensure that it is compliant with Procurement Regulations and a report will be brought to the June Schools Forum meeting to outline the options available. After discussing the issue, members of the Working Group confirmed that the priority for Schools Forum would be to achieve the best value for schools	
4	Fairer Funding for Schools 2015-16 It was agreed that the report to Schools Forum would summarise the issues discussed at the SFWG meeting of 31 st March (minutes attached) including the response to the DfE consultation and the proposal that any additional funding received in 2015-16 should be allocated through increases in AWPUs rather than through making changes to the local funding formula as this would be the most effective way to reduce the impact of the MFG and cap on schools.	
5	AOB No items of AOB were raised at the meeting	
6	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 23 rd September 2014, 8:30am, County Hall	