

Wiltshire Council

Schools Forum

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Work Plan for SEN Issues June – December 2011

Purpose of the paper

The purpose of this paper is to present the time table of activity around SEN issues and to give members of the Schools Forum sufficient notice and information about what is going to be presented between June and December this year.

Timetable

June

Specialist equipment for pupils with SEN

This paper sets out the context and background of legal obligations under the new equalities legislation for schools and the Local Authority. It proposes to establish more clarity on how such equipment should be provided in the future.

October

SEN review - update on developments for HI and PI resource bases

SLAs, funding formula and the moderation process for Resource bases for Autism, S&L and Complex Needs were considered and agreed by the Schools Forum last year. The principles of these processes are being currently applied to developing the same systems, funding and SLAs for HI and PI centres. This work will be completed in the Autumn 2011.

SEN review - update on development for support service reviews

The SEN review recommended a review of a range of support services. This recommendation was subsequently agreed by the Cabinet. This review will also need to be carried out in the context of the savings to be identified in central DSG budgets required for 2012/13, and the increasing number of schools converting to academy status in Wiltshire. For the range of reasons outlined above the Local authority is currently undertaking a review of all support services within Targeted School and Learner Support. This will involve consultations with PHF and WASSH in June/July and a report to Schools Forum with options and recommendations in the autumn

December

Moderation activity

This year, for the first time, the moderation process will affect the whole range of specialist provision in Wiltshire including special schools, ELP and all resource bases

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