

**Wiltshire Council**

**Schools Forum**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011**

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**Report from the Schools Forum School Funding Working Group**

**Purpose of report**

1. To report on the meeting of the School Funding Working Group held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**Main considerations for School Forum**

2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
3. The School Funding Working Group makes the following recommendations to Schools Forum:

**4. *Supply Cover Insurance Scheme***

Having considered the report the Group agreed the following recommendations to Schools Forum:

1. That no inflationary increase is applied to premiums in 2011/12;
2. That cashback payments should continue and that the level of cash back should increase to 100% of the balance after subtracting the claims from 50% of the premium.
3. That Academies be allowed to join the scheme.

**5. *Free School Meals Pooling Scheme***

The following recommendations to Schools Forum were agreed:

1. That any redistribution of balance should follow the same methodology as in previous years;
2. That 70% of the balance at the end of 2010/11 should be redistributed, leaving a balance of £49,679 in the pool as a buffer for increased claims in future years.

**Proposals**

6. That the recommendations above be taken in to account when considering the agenda items on Supply cover Insurance and the Free Schools Meals Pooling Scheme.

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**Background papers**

None

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Draft minutes of the School Funding Working Group