

## **Wiltshire Council**

### **Schools Forum**

**13 October 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

##### **Main considerations for School Forum**

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

##### **4. SEN Support Service Activity Analysis**

It was recommended that cluster groups should consider, in particular, the services that are funded by DSG and that are in scope for LACSEG to review what services should be centrally funded and what might be traded.

It was agreed that the paper be amended to identify the costs of the statutory elements of each service

##### **5. Carbon Reduction Commitment for Schools**

The group considered a paper outlining options for the charging of the schools share of Wiltshire's carbon emissions to the schools budget.

It was recommended that Option 2, charging individual schools, be implemented.

##### **6. Pupil Premium Grant 2011/12**

The group considered the final allocation of pupil premium grant for 2011/12 and recommended that allocations to individual schools be amended in line with the final data on free schools meals and service pupils in order not to overspend against the grant allocation.

##### **7. Schools Revenue Balances 2010/11**

It was agreed that the 3 schools who appeared to have exceeded the permissible thresholds be subject to clawback and invited to appeal.

##### **Proposals**

8. That Schools Forum note the recommendations made by the Schools Funding Working Group.

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