

REPORT FROM THE SCHOOLS FUNDING WORKING GROUP

Purpose of the Paper

1. To report on the meeting of the Schools Funding Working Group held on 23rd February 2010.

Main Considerations

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:
 - a) That assignments of excess surplus balances that have been agreed under the old scheme and which also had been assigned beyond the commencement of the new scheme, but would not be eligible under the new criteria, are to be considered by Officers and recommended for appeal if there is any concern that they should not be rolled forward from 2009/10.
 - b) That unspent Standards Funds which have been paid late in the financial year be dealt with within the criteria of the scheme.
4. Controls on Surplus Balances Scheme
 - a) That assignments of excess surplus balances that have been agreed under the old scheme and which also had been assigned beyond the commencement of the new scheme, but would not be eligible under the new criteria, are to be considered by Officers and recommended for appeal if there is any concern that they should not be rolled forward from 2009/10.
 - b) That unspent Standards Funds which have been paid late in the financial year be dealt with within the criteria of the scheme.
5. Economy and Efficiency in Schools
 - a) That case studies be developed for both primary and secondary schools to develop models for greater collaboration in procurement and joint employment of staff. Input would be required from HR, Finance, etc to develop appropriate protocols.

Proposal

6. That Schools Forum agree the proposals in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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