

**REPORT FROM THE SEN/SOCIAL DEPRIVATION WORKING GROUP**

**Purpose of the Paper**

1. To report on the meeting of the SEN/Social Deprivation Working Group held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. .

**Main Considerations**

2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
3. The SEN Working Group makes the following recommendations to Schools Forum:
4. Audit Commission SEN/AEN Tool
  - a) That the notional funding level for Additional Educational Needs (AEN) is identified on the funding certificate from 2010/11.
  - b) That the items to be classified as AEN will be:
    - a. Personalised Learning funding
    - b. Free School Meals funding
    - c. Social Deprivation funding
    - d. Specific standards funds, to be considered on a case by case basis, for example 1:1 Tuition funding
    - e. Any funding allocated to schools for Looked After Children
5. Social Deprivation Formula
  - a) To look at formula factors and methodologies from other local authorities – particularly Wiltshire’s statistical neighbours where the attainment gap is narrower;
  - b) To focus the review on the two targeted elements of social deprivation allocation and analyse the impact of moving to a post code basis for distribution;
  - c) To link the review of the formula with the wider piece of work on Narrowing the Gap being led by Stephanie Denovan
  - d) To bring initial proposals to the group in June.

**Proposal**

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

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