Wiltshire Council

Schools Forum 4th October 2012

Report from the Early Years Reference Group

Purpose of report

1. To report on the meeting of the Early Years Reference Group held on 21st September 2012.

Main considerations for School Forum

- 2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3. The Group agreed the following recommendations to be made to Schools Forum with respect to the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF):
 - a. that IDACI data be recommended for use in calculating the deprivation factor within the EYSFF.
 - b. that the funding formula for the two year old free entitlement be based on that used for 3 & 4 year funding.
 - c. that the staffing qualification criteria used to calculate the hourly rate should include 75% at level 3 and 25% at level 2, with no unqualified staff
 - d. that a deprivation factor should be included in the formula
 - e. A single hourly rate should be used for all sizes of PVI provider types as is currently the case.

Proposals

4. That Schools Forum note the minutes of the Early Years Reference Group and the recommendations in respect of the Early Years Single Funding Formula.

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