

Subject: Report from the Schools Forum SEN working Group

Purpose of report

1. To report on the meeting of the Schools Forum SEN Working Group held on 11th June 2010.

Main considerations for School Forum

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. Young Persons Support Service
 - a. That the service manager agrees with the YPSS Board measures that will enable the budget to be balanced in the current year.
 - b. That if there is any unallocated headroom within the Schools Budget in 2010/11 the YPSS should be a priority for further investment. Any further investment to be targeted towards alternative provision.
 5. Special Schools Banding Moderation Process
 - a. That the revised banding moderation process should be agreed.
 6. Funding Values for Special Schools
 - a. That the needs led staffing model should be adopted for funding purposes in Wiltshire special schools, whilst recognising that special schools will determine their own staffing mix according to the needs within each school.
 - b. That the affordability of fully funding the model should be considered with other priorities during the budget setting process.
 7. SLA and Moderation for Resource Bases
 - a. That the SLA and banding model should be agreed.

Proposal

8. That Schools Forum consider the proposals in paragraphs 4 to 7 above.

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Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft minutes of the SEN Working Group