

SCHOOL FORUM

Item 9(b)

Members of the School Forum are invited to note the content

National Grid for Learning

From the original commencement of the National Grid for Learning, the broadband service in Walsall, branded as the Walsall Grid for Learning, has been offered on 12 month contracts, commencing September 1st each year, which reflected the initial funding timelines.

As all funding is now on a cycle from April, this service will be aligned to the same timescales, i.e. the financial year. The next agreement will therefore run from 1st September 2008 to 31st March 2010, annually thereafter.

In order that school budgets are not adversely affected, the transitional agreement will be invoiced, pro-rata, in two parts at 1st Sept. 2008 and 1st April 2009 to ensure expenditure falls in the appropriate financial year.

Summary

Forum members are asked to note the contents of this report