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Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

Date: 28 September 2010

Subject: Impact of the 2010-11 Emergency Budget on the Music Service

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Purpose of the report: To request financial support from the central element of the Schools Budget for 2010-11 and 2011-12

Recommendation: Schools Forum consider the alternatives in respect of the shortfall of funding for the Music Service

Potential Impact of Council's response to Emergency Budget 2010/11 on Music Education Outreach in Walsall

Special Cabinet of 16 July 2010 (Appendix 4C) put forward a saving to Education by reduction in music services to schools of £22,107 in 2010/11 (part year) and £44,213 in 2011/12 onwards.

Council recognised that

- Implications for customers (schools) are either a potential increase in charge or a potential reduction in service.
- Potential impact (redundancy) on staff (teachers) in 2011/12 if alternate funding cannot be found.

This grant was a specifically quotient derived budget based upon the Teachers Pay Reform Grant (TPR). This protected the upper spine (Threshold) payments to the appropriately qualified Teachers in the Music Service.

When the Teacher Pay Reform Grant was assimilated into the DSG the budget element relating to schools based teachers was passported directly to schools. Equivalent financial settlement was put in place by Children's Services to support the Central Service Music team as they were not attached to a specific school but were employed as specialist outreach to all Walsall Schools. As referred to above this budget has now been cut as part of the emergency Education savings.

Therefore, Walsall Music Service wishes to apply to School Forum for financial support to replace this funding. This would help to safeguard the maintenance of quality music provision for Walsall Schools.