

SCHOOLS FORUM – 7 DECEMBER 2010

VARIETY OF ISSUES

- **Free School Meals:** In previous School Forum meetings we have discussed the principle that for 2011-12, we would move to a situation where this would be based on PLASC data for January 2011. Can it be clarified what elements of the formula this will impact on.
- **EMAG Funding:** In the last year we have discussed this at the Forum. It was decided that because it was indicated that this would finish in March 2011, that the situation should be left as it was. Now that the situation has changed, we propose that EMAG funding should be 100% delegated to schools.
- **Redundancy:** What is the current position on this topic and consultation with schools, and further discussion with the School Forum?
- **Deprivation Element on the Formula:** This is currently based on 45% FSM and 55% non-FSM factors. In the light of the introduction of the Pupil Premium, there could be an issue of double funding which the School Forum should look at. However, in light of the national funding formula being introduced in April 2012 – what action should the Forum take? It could be argued that it is not worth amending this due to the National formula in April 2012 – but what if that timescale were to slip?

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