

Education Walsall

Schools Forum

5 December 2006

Deprivation Review

1. Introduction

At their meeting on 10 October 2006, Members of the Forum were advised that all Authorities were required to carry out a review of deprivation funding before the three-year spending review in 2008. This paper explores the framework for the review

2. Membership

In addition to the headteacher and governor colleagues assigned to the working group on deprivation, it is suggested that Education Walsall's Data Manager be co-opted on to the group. It is also suggested that Education Walsall's Head of Policy and Planning and the Council's Senior Housing Strategy Officer join the group, to add knowledge and experience of recent multi agency mapping exercises carried out within Walsall, to examine areas of need and instances of service delivery.

3. Structure of Review

- Workshop One (Long half day) (January 2007)
 - Income in Walsall
 - Unemployment / low pay
 - Housing stock above and below recommended standard
 - Regeneration projects and their impact
 - Cross border migration and the effect on schools
- Workshop Two (Long half day) (February 2007)
 - Key Stage results mapped onto identified areas of deprivation
 - Current DSG funding to address the effects of deprivation
 - Examine the correlation between SEN, AEN and deprivation
 - Elements of the funding of schools that could be effectively linked to deprivation funding
- Report and Proposals (March 2007)
 - Based on workshops presented to Schools Forum
 - Options, suggestions and recommendations for wider consultation

- Report approve by Schools Forum
- Consultation (April/May 2007)
 - Four Roadshows (day time, twilight and evening) for Headteacher and Governors to inform and appraise views
 - Results of consultation to the Forum
- Construction of Revised Formula (Autumn 2007)

4. Recommendation

Members of the Forum are requested to comment upon, improve or endorse the above schedule for the Review.