

Members of the School Forum are requested to consider and comment

### **Funding Mechanism for 14-19 and Diplomas**

Guidance to LA's and 14-19 partnerships on the delivery of future funding for diplomas provides three options for consideration, with the decision on which method to be adopted taken local level. The details of the available options have been presented to Forum at a previous meeting and were summarized at the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.

Responses from a consultation exercise with secondary head teachers indicate:

**5** in favour of Option 1 - the insurance model – funds held by 14-19 partnership, procuring and making payments to providers, undertaking income reconciliations of places funded to actual recruitment

**7** in favour of Option 3 - delegated to participating schools, procuring and paying providers, undertaking reconciliations

**1** happy to go with majority view

While the responsibility for central government grant arrangements falls to local authorities, Forum views on the result of the consultation and of options available are sought.