



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

Date: 12th June 2012

Subject: Schools Forum Future Meeting Dates

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Purpose of the report: The Department for Education has asked local authorities to produce an updated funding formula by 31 October 2012. To ensure this deadline is achieved and all governance is completed correctly further Schools Forum meetings will need to be agreed.

Recommendation: To accept the new proposed meeting schedule.

To note the forward plan.

1. Timetable

1.1 On 28 February 2012 Walsall Schools Forum agreed a schedule of meetings until the end of March 2013. To ensure that there are sufficient meetings to meet the DfE deadline there will need to be extra meetings prior to the end of October. However, this will allow for the potential to decrease meetings in the Spring term. **Table 1** summarises the changes:

Table 1

Date	Venue	Comment
Tuesday 10 July 2012	TBA	This is an extra meeting included to review a draft funding formula
Tuesday 25 September 2012	Blakenall Village Centre	
Thursday 4 October 2012	TBA	This is an extra meeting to finally approve a funding formula
Tuesday 16 October 2012		With the extra meetings included it is now proposed to cancel this meeting date
Tuesday 6 November 2012	(provisional date only)	This is a provisional date only in case needed
Tuesday 4 December 2012	Blakenall Village Centre	
Tuesday 15 January 2013	Blakenall Village Centre	
Tuesday 12 February 2013	Blakenall Village Centre	
Tuesday 12 March 2013	Blakenall Village Centre	
Tuesday 26 March 2013	Blakenall Village Centre	Based on the new budget timetable it may be possible to remove the need for this meeting and would ask for this to be a provisional date

2. Forward Plan

2.1 Based on the revised timetable, below is a draft forward plan. Clearly as the DfE has discussed further consultation and the new budget process is in its first year there may be alterations. The attached plan is designed to give Schools Forum members an indication of future decisions and allow them to consider any consultation they may wish to have with those they represent.

Date	Reports
Tuesday 10 July 2012	1)Review Draft Funding Formula Proposal for Schools Block and endorse it for consultation
Tuesday 25 September 2012	1)Review responses to Draft Funding Formula Proposal consultation 2)Review any further revision to Draft Funding Formula Proposal 3) Maintained primary and secondary schools to make decision on whether to retain centrally funded services (provisional date)
Thursday 4 October 2012	1)Recommend Final Funding Proposal to Walsall Council Cabinet 2) Maintained primary and secondary schools to make decision on whether to retain centrally funded services (provisional date) 3) Report regarding the future of Music Support Service
Tuesday 4 December 2012	1)Communicate anything further to Schools Forum regarding formula changes
Tuesday 15 January 2013	1)Potentially to inform and consult with Schools Forum on any further funding formula changes
Tuesday 12 February 2013	1)Potential consultation on Scheme for Financing Schools revisions if appropriate
Tuesday 12 March 2013	Potential approval of Scheme for Financing Schools revisions if appropriate
Tuesday 26 March 2013	

2.2 There are clearly other items which will or maybe presented to Schools Forum before March.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Schools Forum accept the revised timetable for meetings up to 31 March 2013

3.2 Schools Forum note the proposed forward plan and timings