



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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Subject: Music Service De-Delegation

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Purpose of the report: To make a decision whether to continue to supply funding to the Music Service.

Recommendations: See final section of report

1. Introduction

1.1 Walsall Schools Forum has in previous financial years voted to make a contribution to the Music Service from the Dedicated Schools Grant. This has been a contribution towards the pay of teachers in the service.

1.2 After discussion with the Education Funding Agency (EFA), it has been agreed that this contribution can continue if Schools Forum is willing to vote it through. A report to Schools Forum on 6 November 2012 discussed the Music Service.

2. Forum Members who are Eligible to Vote

2.1 This vote will need to apply to maintained schools only. There will be a separate vote for primary and secondary schools.

3. Academies

3.1 It has been raised that by using these funds to support the service and without the Music Service having a process to charge academies, then academies are getting a service which maintained schools are paying for.

3.2 It has also been noted that the Music Service is a service in transition.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Maintained Primaries recommend continued support to the Music Service for 2013/14 at (97p) per pupil, based on there being further work with the Music Service to determine a better way to fund the service more equitably.

4.2 Maintained Secondary schools recommend continued support to the Music Service for 2013/14 at (97p) per pupil.