

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**22 September 2010**

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**Department for Education Consultation on School Funding 2011-12**  
**(Director of Education & Children's Services)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek to establish a Task & Finish Group to prepare a response to the Department for Education (DfE) consultation on School Funding including the creation of a pupil premium for disadvantaged pupils.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools Forum establishes a Task & Finish Group to work with officers in order to prepare a response to the Consultation on School Funding 2011-12
- 2.2 That Schools Forum authorises the Task & Finish Group to prepare a response before the consultation closes on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is appropriate for Schools Forum to make a considered response to the consultation.
- 3.2 The deadline for responses to the consultation is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 which is two weeks before the next Schools Forum.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1.1 On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 the DfE published a consultation on the operation of a pupil premium and the distribution of the Dedicated Schools Grant to local authorities for 2011-12. The consultation is seeking views on the overall funding methodology and puts forward options of how elements of the pupil premium should operate and the full consultation document is included as Appendix A. The closing date for the consultation is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

- 5.1.2 The consultation addresses two main areas:

- Introduction of a Pupil Premium for disadvantaged children

- Amending the methodology used to calculate the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2011-12.

5.2 The full consultation can be found at <http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1723&external=no&menu=1>

5.3 It is proposed that a Task & Finish Group be established from Schools Forum members and meets on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** or **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to formulate a joint response with the local authority as the deadline for responding is before the next Schools Forum. It is proposed that the draft response be distributed to all Schools Forum members for comment before being submitted to the DfE. A full report will be presented at the next meeting of Schools Forum.

5.4 It would also be hoped that by the next meeting of Schools Forum a clearer idea of the outcomes of the consultation may be available and could be shared with Schools Forum.

## **6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Borough Solicitor

6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

### Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

### Access Implications

6.3 There are no access implications.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

### Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

### Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

### Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

Not applicable

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