

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**16 May 2012**

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**School Funding Reform and arrangements for 2013-14**  
**(Director of Education & Children's Services)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the proposed joint response on School Funding Reform and arrangements for 2013-14 to be submitted to the DfE.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools Forum endorses the draft response to the consultation.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is appropriate for Schools Forum to respond to the consultation on school funding reform and arrangements for 2013-14 due to the significant changes proposed and implications for all maintained schools and Academies.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 On 26 March, the Secretary of State for Education announced the next stage of consultation on reform of the funding system. This followed earlier consultations in April and October 2011.
- 5.2 A briefing on the consultation, which runs for a period of eight weeks to Monday 21 May, was circulated with the papers for the Forum meeting on 18 April.
- 5.3 The Forum agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group to work with officers on a joint response. All members of the Forum were invited to attend and / or submit comments to officers. The Task and Finish Group met on 10 May.
- 5.4 The draft response is attached at Appendix A..

**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 proposed changes for the local authority, maintained schools and Academies are being kept under review.

Access Implications

- 6.3 There are no access implications.

**7 CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Schools Forum, including Task and Finish Group.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 E-mail and meeting.

Representations Received

- 7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

Consultation document and associated reports on the consultation section of the DfE website.

Schools Forum papers – 18 April 2012

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