

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**11 September 2013**

---

**Budget Process Plan 2014-15**  
**(Director of Wellbeing)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools' Forum of the Budget Process Plan for 2014-15 including DfE deadlines, School Forum meetings, consultation with schools and Task and Finish Group meetings.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Schools' Forum notes the dates in the plan.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The DfE have given a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 for local authorities to send back a draft formula proforma outlining the formula factors that they intend to use in 2014-15. After that date the factors used cannot be changed though the values of the factors can be changed up until the final submission of the formula proforma in December.
- 3.2 The plan is necessarily tight because of the 31<sup>st</sup> October deadline. If Forum wishes to have a final view of the formula proforma after the schools' consultation ends it will be necessary to send it out by email. Forum is reminded that the final responsibility for the schools' funding formula rests with the local authority.
- 3.3 It will be possible to have further Task and Finish Group meetings in November and early December to discuss factor values if needed.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 shows the Budget Process plan for 2014-15.

**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

Appendix 1

Contact for further information

Steve Elson (Interim Finance, ECS)  
(01753 477209)  
[steve.elson@slough.gov.uk](mailto:steve.elson@slough.gov.uk)