

**DfES Consultation on
“School, Early Years and 14-16 Funding 2008-11”**

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide information about the authority’s attached draft response to the consultation being undertaken by the DfES relating to funding arrangements for schools and early years providers from 2008.
- 1.2 To enable members of the Schools Forum to highlight any additional issues and provide further information for the authority to consider including as part of its response.
- 1.3 To reach a formal agreement to either:
 - i) endorse the authority’s draft response as a joint response from the authority and Schools Forum; or
 - ii) make a separate response from the Schools Forum and agree the contents of that response.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 7 March the DfES published a consultation on “School Early years and 14-16 Funding 2008-11” which closes on 1 June 2007. The consultation documents can be found on the Teachernet web site at: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1466>
- 2.2 A number of key issues arising from the consultation document were highlighted by a paper to the April meeting of the Schools Forum - “DfES Consultation on School, Early Years & 14-16 Funding 2008-11”

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The authority will provide the necessary support to enable the Schools Forum to provide a response in accordance with its wishes.