

FAIR FUNDING CONSULTATION OUTCOMES 2011-12 WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM (WSF) ISSUES

The WSF met twice during the Autumn Term 2007, on 8 October 2010 and 10 December 2010. The main areas discussed are detailed in the following sections.

FAIR FUNDING CONSULTATION

The detailed consultation issues were considered by the WSF at its meeting on 8 October 2010 prior to circulation to all consultees.

The outcomes to the consultation in Appendix 2 were considered by the WSF at its meeting on 10 December 2010. The recommendations for changes to the WCC Schools Local Funding Formula and Scheme for Financing Schools for the period 2011-12 as detailed in Appendix 3 were also considered. The WSF were aware that some of the areas relate to the period from 2012.

The key issues discussed and outcomes of the WSF deliberations on the consultation outcomes will be reported at the Cabinet meeting.

In their deliberations, the WSF recognised their continuing statutory role in being the main source of consultation for the budgets for the period 2011-12.

OTHER NATIONAL FUNDING AND LOCAL ISSUES

As well as the consultation paper and its outcomes, the WSF in both of its meetings in the Autumn Term 2010 considered a number of issues resulting from both the national DfE proposals and local issues in relation to: -

- School balances including the challenge process for those with significant surpluses and those schools in financial difficulty.
- Schools Broadband and ICT grant issues.
- The potential implications of the Government's policies for Academies and Free Schools.
- The status of the national Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS) and the internal audit arrangements for schools.
- The funding issues and proposals contained in the Schools White Paper November 2010 'The Importance of Teaching'.
- The status of the detailed funding and grant information for 2011-12 received from the DfE.

Specific ongoing issues will be discussed further at future WSF meetings already programmed for 2011.