



Schools Forum

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SEND FUNDING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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Summary

Schools Forum approved the terms of reference and work programme for the SEND Funding Task & Finish Group in November 2014. A report providing feedback from the second meeting of the group was presented to Schools Forum in January 2015 and included notification of the Department for Education's paper entitled *SEND funding: longer term changes*, in which the Department launched a 'call for evidence' to inform the national debate on distributing special educational needs and disability (SEND) funding more fairly.

Attached to this report is Shropshire's response to the Department's 'call for evidence'.

Recommendation

To note Shropshire's response to the Department's SEND funding 'call for evidence' submitted by the deadline of 27 February 2015.

REPORT

1. A report to Schools Forum in January 2015 provided key points of the second meeting of the SEND Funding Task & Finish Group. The main focus of the meeting was the Department for Education paper entitled *SEND funding: longer term changes* and the 18 specific questions in a request for evidence, addressing the following issues: the national to local level funding distribution, the local to institution level funding distribution and the local authorities' approaches to capital investment.
2. As agreed, a Shropshire response was finalised by the Task & Finish Group via email by 27 February 2015 and submitted to the Department. The response also included extracts from f40's submission where these were relevant to Shropshire's context.

3. Shropshire's response is attached to this report for Schools Forum's information.