

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Schools Forum	Ref: CYP_SCR_032 File Ref: E.41.01/7/58
Objective	To consider in detail concerns expressed by school governors and head teachers during the call in discussion at the Committee's meeting in May 2012	
Reasons for undertaking review	Although the Committee accepted the changes being made by the Cabinet Member to the school funding formula following advice received from the Forum, it did agree to follow through concerns expressed about the way in which the Schools Forum (in its capacity as an adviser to the Cabinet Member) is constituted and goes about its business	
Topic suggested by	The Committee	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee 	YES	
Membership	N/A	
Issues to be addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Schools Forum? How and why was it created? Does it have any legal basis? Does the Cabinet Member have to accept its recommendations? • How is the body constituted? How are its members elected/appointed? Is there anything that says that all sectors of education provision have to be involved? • How is the body administered? How is the lead officer chosen? What powers does that lead officer have? • How are any Forum decisions promulgated? Are these published in hard copy/on a website and how can they be questioned? • How can a 'third party' pass on any views to the Forum? <p>In the light of consideration of the above points, the Committee will then need to</p>	

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