

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committe	ee
Торіс	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 • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee	YES	
Membership	N/A	
Issues to be addressed	 What is the Schools Forum? How and why was is any legal basis? Does the Cabinet Member have recommendations? How is the body constituted? How are its member ls there anything that says that all sectors of educe be involved? How is the body administered? How is the lead of powers does that lead officer have? How are any Forum decisions promulgated? Are copy/on a website and how can they be question. How can a 'third party' pass on any views to the In the light of consideration of the above points, the Commendational sectors of the commendation. 	e to accept its ers elected/appointed? cation provision have to officer chosen? What e these published in hard ed? Forum?



	consider:		
	 Is it satisfied that the Essex Schools Forum, as currently constituted and operating, is fit for purpose? 		
	 IF NOT, what recommendations about its operation should be passed to the Cabinet Member 		
Sources of Evidence and witnesses	ECC Finance Officer		
Work Programme	Discussion at Committee meeting on 6 September 2012		
Indicators of Success	Guarantee made by Committee, that item will be discussed at a public meeting, is fulfilled		
	Informed discussion of issues involved takes place		
 Meeting the CfPS Objectives Critical Friend Challenge to Executive Reflect Public voice and concerns Own the scrutiny process Impact on service delivery 	Yes		
Diversity and Equality	Issues raised by third parties as having a perceived bias against smaller schools and therefore a greater impact on those living in rural areas		
Date agreed by Committee	May 2012		
Future Action	Advise Cabinet Member of results of deliberations		
Governance Officer	Graham Redgwell Committee Matthew Waldie Officer		
Cabinet Member	Councillor Stephen Castle, Cabinet Member		

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