LEWISHAM SCHOOLS FORUM				
REPORT TITLE	Schools Funding Task Group - Terms of Reference			
KEY DECISION	Yes	Item No.	6 Appendix A	
CLASS	Part 1	Date	10 December 2015	

1. Purpose of the Task Group

To consider the national funding changes and help formulate a response that will support schools in the changes that will need to be made.

2. Objectives of task group

Evaluate

- > Fair Funding Consultation document
- > To draft a Schools Forum response to the Spring Consultation
- > To assess the impact on schools
- > To consider the support arrangements schools will need in order to implement change
- > To consider the balance of funding between different types of schools
- > Education Services Grant reduction

and to secure the support of the Schools Forum for its proposals.

3. Membership

- > two representatives of primary/all through school headteachers, nominated by the Leadership Forum,
- two representatives of secondary/all through school headteachers, nominated by Secondary Strategic
- An academy representative

At least two members have to also be a member of the Schools Forum

Local Authorities Officers will include:

Head of Resources and Performance (CYP)

Finance Officer

Other officers of the authority will be in attendance as and when required. Officers will be available to assist the group with research.

4. Chairing Meetings

An Officer will chair the meeting

5. Support to Task Group

The Head of Resources and Performance will ensure that papers are distributed, notes made and circulated, and follow up actions are pursued.

6. Conduct and frequency of meetings

The group will meet as appropriate, its first meeting will be to scope its programme of work. It is anticipated it will then need to meet monthly.

The group will wish to arrive at decisions by consensus; where this is not possible the paper to the Forum will record the differing views.

7. Timescales

The group will complete its work by November 2016.

The group will provide the schools forum with a draft consultation response.

A final report by the end of November 2016

8. Required Outcomes

A report with recommendations, practical implementation and business cases to allow schools to address any shortfall in the funding.