

Centrally Retained Budgets - Schools Forum - £35k (fixed at 2012/13 cost)

This covers expenditure incurred in connection with the Authorities functions of running a Schools' Forum as defined in the Education Act. The costs were fixed at 2012/13 rates when the new funding formula was introduced for 2013/14. It covers the costs of establishment and maintenance of and consultation with Schools Forum.

The contribution from the Centrally retained budget contributes to the overall cost.

The 16 meetings covered during 2013/14 were:-

- 4 x Statutory meetings
- 3 x Single Item Forum meetings
- 3 x Capital Sub Groups
- 3 x Early Years Sub Groups
- 3 x Task and Finish.

Costs include attendance time, report preparation for each meeting of Officers, minuting and organisation costs for meetings including room hire and printing.

The Council carries the financial risk of costs exceeding £35k.