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**School Forum**

**November 22nd 2016**

**B&NES School Sports Partnership Funding**

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| **Forum asked to decide / steer / be informed** | **For Information** |
| **Time Needed** | **5 minutes** |

**The Schools Forum currently has a budget that funds the B&NES School Sports Partnership to the value of £53,000. The funding is paid to the Wellsway MAT who host the partnership on behalf of the local authority (an arrangement set up by Tony Parker). This money partially funds the partnership and enables it to deliver its programme of activities to all primary schools in the LA.**

**As part of the School Funding changes and in preparation for a National Funding Formula the DFE have carried out a baselining exercise to ensure that the funding totals taken from the Section 251 statement is appropriate.**

**As part of this exercise the DFE have indicated that this funding source does not adhere to the true definition of a combined service (the heading under which it was being recorded). Their view is that this funding source should not be funded by the forum but that individual schools should contribute as they see fit via a bought back service.**

**The Sports Partnership Management have been advised of this issue and are preparing to notify schools of an offer of a bought back service.**

**The forum budget report highlights the reduction in funding provided for the sports partnership which will be available to meet other priorities.**