

Open Report on behalf of Peter Duxbury, Executive Director (Children's Group)

Report to:	Schools Forum
Date:	21 April 2010
Subject:	Stamford Education Alliance

Summary:

A description of collaborative arrangements for the development of 11-19 learning in Stamford.

Recommendation(s):

For Schools Forum to support collaborative working in Stamford and note arrangements for the funding of post 16 learning in Stamford Endowed Schools.

1. Background

Stamford Queen Eleanor School, Stamford College and Stamford Endowed Schools have formed the Stamford Education Alliance which confirms their commitment to working together for young people in secondary/post secondary education in Stamford.

The three educational establishments have agreed to work together on a range of curricular and extra curricular activities.

In order to create a local (i.e. Stamford) sixth form learning opportunity for pupils from Stamford Queen Eleanor School, Stamford Endowed Schools have offered up to 10 places in their sixth form, with access based on meeting certain academic criteria.

The places will be funded at exactly the same rate as any other sixth form learning. For 2010 these places will be funded by Lincolnshire County Council, so will be over and above those funded by the Learning and Skills Council and as well as increasing choice, will also increase the availability of sixth form learning.

In 2011 funding of post 16 learning will be the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council and we will commission based on our statutory duties to secure suitable education and training for 16-18 year olds, identified need, available resources and

an analysis of the quality and appropriateness of provision across all potential providers. This will involve discussions at local level through 14-19 partnerships.

2. Conclusion

The Alliance will help to develop a more attractive rounded learning offer for young people at Stamford Queen Eleanor and the provision of local sixth form provision will encourage more young people from Stamford Queen Eleanor to stay in learning post 16.

Any continuation of the sixth form arrangements at Stamford Endowed Schools will be considered in the context of resources, quality, legislative freedoms and local need.

3. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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