

Schools Forum

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Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide

Introduction

1. On the 1st December 2016 EFA released an update on the Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide.
2. The guide draws on the experience and knowledge of schools forum members, local authority officers and members and the Department and its partners and is designed to provide local authority officers and school forum elected members with advice and information on good practice in relation to the operation of schools forum.
3. The Forum was asked to complete the toolkit and this report reports on the feedback that was provided. In total 5 returns were completed and the detailed results are provided at Appendix A.

Detail

4. From the feedback forum members agreed that from the 21 questions there were no weaknesses with 12 of them with a further 4 questions where 80% of the respondents agreed that the forum is operating satisfactorily.
5. There are 5 questions where action needs to be taken, these are six, eleven, seventeen, twenty and twenty one.
6. Question six had the highest responses of no, with 3 of the 5 noting that papers are not published as a single document for easy download.

Next steps

7. All areas where there is deemed to be a weakness will be reviewed by the Chair, Andy Bryson and the Schools Secretary with the intention of making the necessary improvements.

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