

**Report to:** Schools Forum  
**Subject:** Review of Nursery Quality Assurance  
**Date of meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012  
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### **Purpose of report**

1. In accordance with the programme agreed by Forum at its April meeting, this report explains the Nursery Quality Assurance costs charged to the Dedicated Schools Grant.

### **Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Schools Forum note the basis of the centrally charged costs.

### **Background**

3. The budgeted level of recharge for 2012/13 is £105,200 and is part of the central spending on Under 5’s. It represents just over 1% of the total central spending of £8,983,957 identified in the Central Expenditure Limit calculation.
4. The costs relate to 3 employees [1.9 fte] together with associated contributions to costs for transport, telephones, office supplies etc. The total staffing costs amount to £93,800 [89%] of the total costs.
5. These staff ensure that nursery provision is fully inclusive, of sufficient quality and meets the needs of all vulnerable groups. This will include the new requirements within the Early Years Foundation Stage and OFSTED inspection criteria in addition to supporting individual nurseries and cluster based training and e-learning signposting.

### **Conclusion**

6. The sum of £105,200 represents 1.2% of total central spending of Dedicated Schools Grant. The amount charged is based on direct staff costs with a small contribution to associated working expenses.