

**Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 23rd October 2013  
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Services)**

**Agenda Item 6 – School Consultation Feedback**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the responses to the school consultation exercise on the 2014/15 funding formula, to enable the proforma to be submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.
- 1.2 **Appendix 1** to this report summarises the responses from the questionnaires received. All schools responded.

**2.0 Summary of Responses/Comments**

- 2.1 The majority of respondents agreed with all of the proposals suggested. However, it was not unanimous and certain issues were more contentious than others. Further details of the responses and comments received are summarised below and attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 Based on the responses and comments received, the Schools Funding Group (made up of School Forum Representatives) wish to propose the following Funding Formula.
- 2.3 Once agreed by the Forum this will then be submitted to the LA to form part of a report to the Members of the Local Authority, who will decide on the 2014/15 Funding Formula.

**2.4 Lump Sum**

***Consultation Question 1 - Do you agree with maintaining the lump-sum at the maximum possible value - £175k?***

32 out of 35 schools agreed that the lump sum should be set at this level.

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group read the comments and unanimously agreed to propose the level of the lump sum to be £175k.***

## **2.5 Prior Attainment ( Low Cost, High Incidence SEN )**

***Consultation Question 2 - Do you agree with the Forum proposal to maintain the overall quantum of funding allocated for this factor (£1.3m – 2.2%) and to adjust the per pupil value accordingly to ensure that this total is not exceeded?***

All schools agreed to this proposal.

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group read the comments and unanimously agreed to propose to maintain the overall quantum of funding for the Prior Attainment factor.***

## **2.6 Pupil Mobility**

***Consultation Question 3- Do you agree with Forum's proposal that a Pupil Mobility Factor should be re-introduced into Hartlepool's formula?***

28 out of 35 schools agreed that Pupil Mobility should be reintroduced into Hartlepool Formula.

***Consultation Question 4 – If you agreed with Number 3 above, do you agree with Forum's proposal that the funding rate for pupil mobility should be £642 per pupil with the additional funding coming from the AWPU?***

All schools who agreed that Pupil Mobility should be reintroduced into the Hartlepool Formula agreed to fund from AWPU.

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group discussed the comments raised through consultation. The Group agreed to propose that that Pupil Mobility should be included in the Funding Formula and to fund it from AWPU.***

## **2.7 Primary: Secondary Ratio**

***Consultation Question 5 - Do you agree with the proposal to maintain the Primary:Secondary ratio at 1:1.26?***

All schools agreed the ratio of funding between the primary and secondary sector.

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group noted the comments and agreed to propose the Primary: Secondary ratio in the Funding Formula would continue at the 1:1:26 ratio.***

## **2.8 Capping or Scaling**

***Consultation Question 6 - Do you agree with the proposal to continue to use Capping as the method of funding the MFG?***

29 out of 35 schools agreed that Capping should be used as the method of funding for MFG.

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group discussed the comments and agreed to propose Capping as the method for funding MFG.***

## **2.9 Deprivation**

***Consultation Question 7 - Please indicate which ONE of the following funding models you would recommend to Schools Forum and provide the reasons behind your decision.***

***Model 1 – Deprivation 15%***

***Model 2 – Deprivation 14%***

***Model 3 – Deprivation 13%***

***Model 4 – Deprivation 12%***

17 schools agreed on Model 1

2 schools agreed on Model 3

16 Schools agreed on Model 4

See comments on Appendix 1.

***Members of the Schools Funding Group discussed at great length the comments from the consultation exercise. They agreed that the comments were constructive. The responses were considered but no single model could be agreed on. The Group therefore propose that Schools Forum ask the Local Authority elected Members to decide on the level of deprivation funding between 12% to 15%.***

#### **2.10. Other Comments / Suggestions**

A number of comments were received by various schools and they have asked to be discussed by the Schools Forum.

***Members noted the comments***

#### **3. Recommendations**

***Members are asked to discuss the consultation results and the proposals from the Schools Funding Group in order that a proposal can be presented to Members of the Local Authority early in December.***