

Agenda Item 5: Schools Formula 2017/18

1. Introduction

1.1 This report is to start the consultation of the Schools Local Formula for 2017/18.

2. Background

2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) has announced the schools and high needs funding arrangements for 2017 to 2018. These are broadly similar to last year and confirm that:

- no local authority (LA) will receive less in 2017 to 2018 (adjusted to reflect updated baselines) on their schools and high needs blocks than they did in 2016 to 2017
- the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of -1.5% per pupil for schools will be retained
- DfE will not proceed with proposals to create a new central schools block, allow local flexibility on the MFG or to ring fence the schools block within the dedicated schools grant in 2017 to 2018.

2.2 The publication of the EFAs operational guide allows local authorities to start the process of consulting with Schools Forums on how the funding should be distributed.

2.3 Final funding allocations to each authority will be made in December, in line with the latest pupil data.

3. 2016/17 Schools Formula

3.1 As part of the consultation process Forum need to agree the formula factors to be used for setting the local formula. The table below shows the current agreed formula factors. 80% of funding delegated to schools must be allocated via pupil led factors. The values per factor are dependent upon changes to pupil numbers.

Factor	Comments	16/17 Value per eligible pupil*	
		Primary	Secondary
Basic Entitlement - Compulsory	AWPU must be at least, Primary £2000, Secondary £3000	2,798.05	4,211.06
Deprivation - Compulsory	Option to use FSM6 or IDACI		
	FSM6 - used @ 13.5%	1,282.85	1,924.27
Prior Attainment	Proxy indicator for Low Level, high incidence special educational needs	431.30	362.94
LAC	Per pupil value, March SSDA903 return and January census check	777	777
English as an additional language	Pupils attract funding up to 3yrs after they enter statutory school system, option 1,2 or 3 years	518	518
Pupil Mobility	Pupils who entered a school during the past 3 years but did not start in August or September	641.84	641.84
Other Factors			
Lumpsum	Maximum £175k , sectors can have different lump sums	175,000	175,000
Rates	Funded at estimated cost with retrospective adjustments in the following year	variable	variable
Sparsity	Optional factor, a test is carried out each year when the latest information is received to check for eligibility	n/a	n/a
Split Sites	Optional - Not applicable for HBC	n/a	n/a
PFI	Optional - Not applicable for HBC	n/a	n/a
London Fringe	Optional - Not applicable for HBC	n/a	n/a
Post - 16	Optional - Not applicable for HBC	n/a	n/a
Exceptional Premises costs	Optional, costs must be in excess of 1% of schools budget and effects less than 5% of the estate - approval required from EFA	n/a	n/a

3.2 Previously the High Needs block has contributed £0.550m to the schools block. School Forum members are asked to consider this transfer of resources in 2017/18.

4. De-delegated Services

4.1 Schools Forum is asked to agree the de-delegated services for 2017/18. The table below details the rates for 16/17. The rates are subject to amendment once the revised pupil data is received in December.

Service	Formula	AWPU Primary £	AWPU Secondary £	Deprivation Primary £	Deprivation Secondary £	EAL £
Assessing Free School Meals Eligibility Total £22k	£/FSM6 pupil	n/a	n/a	4.11	4.11	n/a
Ethnic Minority Pupils Total £44k	£/EAL pupil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	193.83
Trade Union facility time Total £32k	£/pupil	2.47	2.47	n/a	n/a	n/a
SIMS Licences Total £71k	£/pupil	5.42	5.42	n/a	n/a	n/a
Behaviour Support Education Psychology £133k	50% £/pupil & 50% £/FSM6 pupil	3.44	7.76	8.26	19.75	n/a
Inclusions Total £67k	50% £/pupil & 50% £/FSM6 pupil	0.41	5.86	0.99	14.93	n/a
School Attendance Total £232k	50% £/pupil & 50% £/FSM6 pupil	7.24	11.41	17.38	29.07	n/a

4.2 The services provided under de-delegation are also available as a buyback to Academies, Special schools and the PRU.

5 Centrally Retained

5.1 Should Forum require budget modelling before clarification is received from the DfE in relation to the treatment of ESG funded services. The LA will assume the level of centrally retained expenditure remains unchanged at 2016/17 values (£1.407m). The centrally retained funding will require approval as part of the budget consultation. Any funding released from centrally retained funding will be allocated to the formula, i.e increasing the AWPU and deprivation funding.

5.2 Forum will recall that the Space to Learn budget of £98k for 2017/18 was approved at the 22nd September 2015 meeting.

7. Recommendations

- Note the contents of the report
- Agree the formula factors as noted in Para 3.1
- Consider the transfer of £0.550m as noted in Para 3.2
- Agree the De-delegated services as noted in Para 4.1
- Consider if modelling is required for further consultation