

SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action



For Information



Brief Description of Item (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

This report asks the Forum to consider the consultation document, which outlines the proposals for the Schools Block, for the formulae to be used to calculate budgets for Primary and Secondary schools and academies for the 2019/20 financial year and the criteria that will form the basis of the allocation of additional funding to schools (and academies where appropriate) from DSG centrally managed funds.

Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum

A report outlining the developing proposals for 2019/20 funding arrangements was presented to the Schools Forum at the last meeting.

Background / Context

Please see Appendix 1 (the consultation document itself). 3 FFWG sessions were run on 1, 2 and 4 October.

Details of the Item for Consideration

Each autumn the Local Authority, with the agreement of the Schools Forum, publishes 3 separate consultations on DSG management and formula funding arrangements for the following year.

Appendix 1 represents the formal consultation document on Schools Block arrangements for 2019/20. This consultation presents proposals for the formulae to be used to calculate budget shares for primary schools and academies, for the criteria to be applied in the allocation of the Growth Fund and other Schools Block centrally managed funds, and asks for feedback on the position of de-delegated Schools Block funds.

A separate report is presented, which sets out in more detail as requested the options for supporting falling rolls / under-subscription.

The consultation document incorporates discussion on a transfer of funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2019/20.

Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)

As set out in Appendix 1. There are 7 key decisions to made.

Recommendations

The Schools Forum is asked to agree that the consultation document (Document JK Appendix 1) is published.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – Primary and Secondary 2019/20 Formula Arrangements Consultation (a,b,c)

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