

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 allocations for Primary and Secondary schools and academies for the 2024/25 financial year and the criteria that will form the basis of the allocation of additional funding to maintained 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 2024/25 funding arrangements was presented to the Schools Forum on 13 September.

Background / Context

Please see Appendix 1 (the consultation document itself).

Details of the Item for Consideration

Each autumn the Local Authority, with the agreement of the Schools Forum, publishes three 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 2024/25. This consultation presents proposals for the formulae to be used to calculate budget shares for primary and secondary 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.

Forum Members are not asked to give their final views (final recommendations) for 2024/25 at this meeting. Members are asked to approve the publication of the documentation for consultation. The Forum will be asked to review responses to this consultation in December prior to making final recommendations on 10 January 2024.

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

As set out in Appendix 1.

Recommendations

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

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1a – Primary and Secondary 2024/25 Formula Arrangements Consultation
Appendix 1b1 and 1b2 – Modelling (main modelling and modelling of the Notional SEND Budget change)

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