

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 formula approach that the Authority proposes to use to delegate High Needs Block funding to high needs providers, mainstream schools and academies and other settings in the 2024/25 financial year April 2024 to March 2025.

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 arrangements for the formula approach that Bradford Council proposes to use to delegate Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Block funding to high needs providers, mainstream schools and academies and other settings in the 2024/25 financial year April 2024 to March 2025. This is known, and referred to, as our 'Place-Plus' system.

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.

The proposed approach to the uplifting of the values allocated by the Banded Model will be discussed with District Achievement Partnership.

The consultation document includes a draft indicative list of places planned to be commissioned by the Authority in 2024/25 in Bradford-located settings. The annual sufficiency report will be presented to the Forum at the next meeting in December.

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 QK Appendix 1) is published.

List of Supporting Appendices / Papers (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – High Needs Funding 2024/25 Consultation

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