

**Schools Forum 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services**

**Local Authority Provisional Funding Pro-Forma for 2015/16**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To update Schools Forum on Dudley's submission of the provisional Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for 2015/16 to the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

**Discussed at HTCF – BWG**

2. Yes – 16 October 2014.

**Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities**

3. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct DfE grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
4. The Forum is the 'guardian' of the local Schools Budget, and its distribution among schools and other bodies, and therefore must be closely involved throughout the development process.
5. A local authority must consult their Schools Forum and schools maintained by them about any proposed changes to the formulae in relation to the factors and criteria taken into account and the methods, principles and rules adopted

**Actions for Schools Forum**

6. To note that Dudley's Local Authority APT provisional pro-forma for the 2015/16 financial year to the EFA was submitted by the statutory deadline of 31 October 2014 and that the EFA have now responded to confirm that the data has been checked and is compliant with the Regulations.

**Attachments to Report**

7. None. Copy of the proforma is available on the Dudley Schools Forum website under Latest News.

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**Background**

2. Under the School Funding Reforms introduced for 2013/14, the local authority is required to submit a pro-forma containing detail of funding proposals for mainstream schools to the EFA; a provisional submission is required by 31st October each year with a final submission on the 20th January preceding the commencement of the financial year. The purpose of this is to enable the EFA to check the proposed funding model for compliance with the school funding regulations in preparation for the forthcoming financial year.
3. Dudley's provisional pro-forma for the 2015/16 financial year was issued to the EFA on 22nd October 2014.
4. On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the EFA responded to Dudley to advise that the provisional APT submission for 2015/16 had been checked and is compliant with the Regulations. A copy of the proforma has been added to the Schools Forum website under Latest News.
5. The final APT proforma will be submitted in January 2015 and will reflect the Dudley schools budget position for 2015/16.

**Finance**

6. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School Finance and Early Years (England) Regulations 2013.
7. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.

8. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

### **Law**

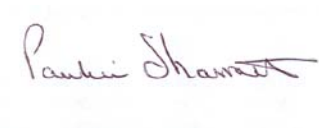
9. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

### **Equality Impact**

10. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

### **Recommendation**

11. To note the successful submission and subsequent validation by the EFA of Dudley's Local Authority Proforma Tool for the 2015/16 financial year.



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