

**Schools Forum 23 February 2010**

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

**Proposed Changes to the Resource Allocation Formula for Schools 2010/11**

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**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. Yes – 9 February 2010

**Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities**

3. The Local Authority (LA) is required to consult Schools Forum regarding any changes to the local funding formula

**Action for Schools Forum**

4. To endorse the Director of Children's Services proposal to accept the recommendations outlined in paragraph 5 of the main report.

**Attachments to Report**

5. Appendix A. – Full detail of the responses to the consultation and recommendations of the Director of Children's Services.

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8 February 2010

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**Background**

2. Following approval by Headteachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working group (HTCF-BWG), the draft consultation document outlining proposed changes to the resource allocation formula for schools was presented Schools Forum at the meeting in October 2009. The document was subsequently issued formally following that meeting and the consultation period ended on 8 January 2010.
3. The proposals contained in the consultation document will, if implemented, have an impact on the resource allocation formula for schools from 2010/11 and therefore Schools Forum has a statutory function in this regard and must be consulted by the Council in respect of any such changes.
4. A total of 14 responses to the consultation were received as shown in Table 1:

**Table 1 – Consultation Response**

<b><u>Stakeholder</u></b>	<b><u>No.of responses</u></b>
Primary school	9
Secondary school	3
Governor	1
Trade Union	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

5. A summary of the responses received is shown in Table 2 below; additional detail is attached at Appendix A.

**Table 2 – Consultation Responses**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Not Stated</u></b>
1	Do you agree with proposal to remove premises funding for condition and backlog and redistribute through the floor area unit of resource from April 2010?	8	5	1
<b>Directors recommendation:</b> To remove funding for condition & backlog and re-distribute through the Unit of Resource for premises floor area from April 2010.				

<b>Question</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Model 1 SATs</b>	<b>Model 2 Teacher Assessments</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>
2	Which model do you prefer to allocate funding for Special Education Needs (SEN) without statements in secondary schools from April 2010?	2	5	7
<b>Directors recommendation:</b> To allocate funding for Special Educational Need (SEN) without statements in secondary schools based on KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) (as recommended by Secondary Heads July 2009), until such time that SATs data is no longer available. Thereafter to allocate funding based on KS2 Teacher Assessment data.				

6. Schools Forum is requested to endorse these proposals

**Finance**

7. The funding of schools is prescribed by the DCSF through the School Finance (England) Regulations 2008.
8. Schools Forums are regulated by the School Forums Regulations 2002 as already amended by the Schools Forums (Amendment) Regulations 2004 the Schools Forums (Amendment) 2005 Regulations and the Schools Forums (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
9. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct DCSF grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

## **Law**

10. 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**

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

## **Recommendation**

12. In line with the recommendations contained in paragraph 5 Table 2 of this report, Schools Forum is requested to endorse the Director of Children's Services proposal to implement changes to the Resource Allocation Formula for schools from 2010/11.



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