

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Education, Councillor Stephen Wells has made the following executive decision:

OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS REGARDING FAIRER FUNDING FOR 2015/16

Reference Report:

Outcome of Consultation with Schools Regarding Fairer Funding for 2015/16

Decision:

That the proposed distributions methodology be agreed as supported by the Executive Director: Education, Care and Health Services and the Schools' Forum.

Reasons:

At its meeting on 26th June 2014, the Schools' Forum considered a report outlining a number of options put forward by the Local Authority and the Schools' Forum Working Group for the distribution of funding to primary and secondary schools for 2015/16. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Local Authority would undertake consultation with primary and secondary schools on Option 1 from the initial proposals and a further option tabled by a member of the Schools' Forum at the meeting.

The outcome of the consultation was reported to the meeting of the Schools' Forum on 25th September 2014, where the Schools' Forum also considered a report detailing changes to the proposed funding distributions following the issue of updated information regarding the Fairer Funding proposals on 17th July 2014 by the Department for Education, which included an increase in the overall amount of funding allocated to Bromley to £19.5m and changes to the minimum funding levels. After being put to a vote, it was agreed that the Schools' Forum would support Option 1, which proposed that all schools be funded at the higher level of either current Bromley funding or the new Department for Education minimum funding level, and that the lump sum be adjusted for all schools where there was not sufficient additional funding to support this. This option was also supported by the Executive Director: Education, Care and Health Services and his Senior Management Team.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Education Budget Sub-Committee on 16th October 2014 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 27 October 2014

Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 3 November 2014

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