

**CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS FINANCE REGULATIONS 2013 AND  
ADDITIONAL GRANT CONDITIONS FOR THE DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT**

Early Years Funding – Consultation Response

1. To relax the requirement to have a mandatory deprivation supplement (regulation 15(6))

LA response: The LA would support this proposal as it would allow individual authorities to make the decision locally and would provide the flexibility for this to be adjusted if necessary to reflect local changes and trends.

2. To relax the rules on place based funding to support capacity building

LA response: The LA would support this as it would enable us to protect places for younger two year olds during the transition period. We appreciate that this facility would be on a time limited basis only, but would request that the time period should be sufficient to allow LAs sufficient time to build the necessary capacity to be able to meet the required levels.

3. To require a mandatory quality supplement in the EYSFF for two year olds

LA response: The LA has some concerns that a mandatory requirement would limit authorities ability manage this locally and to find an appropriate balance between incentivising and rewarding settings. The LA would also welcome the opportunity to have the flexibility to use funding to help settings to increase the number of qualified staff, for example by offering bursaries.