

Decision Maker: EDUCATION BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Executive Key Non-Key

Title: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON 2014/15 FUNDING REVIEW

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

This report provides information on the proposed changes to the 2014/15 Funding Formula in line with DfE requirements.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Education Budget Subcommittee is asked to agree the proposed changes in line with the recommendations of the Schools Forum.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Delegated Schools Budgets
 4. Total current budget for this head: £220m
 5. Source of funding: Dedicated Schools Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All Schools
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 As part of the budget setting process, the Local Authority is required to submit a proforma to the DfE by the end of October providing details of the agreed elements within the funding formula for 2014/15 and the level of funding for each element. The timescale for this process is very short particularly as it runs across the summer school holidays and it has therefore been necessary to bring this item to Education Budget Sub Committee very shortly after it has been presented to the Schools Forum.

3.2 Whilst there are no proposed changes to the elements within the formula there are some changes to the funding levels as a result of changes required by the DfE. The changes are as follows:

- DfE have reduced the maximum level for the lump sum for Primary Schools from £200,000 to £175,000. As the lump sum for Bromley schools was previously set at £180,000 it is proposed that this will reduce to £175,000. This has not necessitated a full consultation with school and has been agreed by the Schools Forum.
- DfE have removed the requirement for the same lump sum to be applied across Primary and Secondary schools. Secondary schools have been consulted on two options of either £175,000 in line with Primary Schools or a zero lump sum.
- DfE have changed the measure of attainment for Secondary schools from pupils not achieving the appropriate level in English AND Maths to English OR Maths which has significantly increased the number of pupils attracting this funding. As there is no new funding to support this, the individual level of funding has been reviewed.

3.3 Full details of the proposals including initial responses from individual schools can be seen at **Appendix 1** – Schools Forum Report and **Appendix 2** – supporting calculations. The LA Officers will provide details of the discussion by the Schools Forum and any recommendation that they make. The Education Budget Sub Committee will then be asked to agree the appropriate funding levels as recommended by Officers.