

**Decision Maker:**        **SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Date:**                    **7<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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

**Title:**                    **IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECT NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (NFF) - GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

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**Ward:**                    (All Wards);

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1.    Reason for report

1.1   This report provides details of the National Funding Formula consultation and the proposed approach.

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2.    **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1   **The Schools Forum are asked to:**

- (i)    **Review the consultation and make any comments**
- (ii)   **Agree to set up a working group to formulate a response back to the Department for Education (DfE).**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Health and Integration
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: CEF Portfolio
  4. Total current budget for this head: £62.6m
  5. Source of funding: CEF approved budget
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1,154 Full time equivalent
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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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): The 2021/22 budget reflects the financial impact of the Council's strategies, service plans etc. which impact on all of the Council's customers (including council tax payers) and users of the services
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 DfE announced a consultation seeking views on the implementation of the National Funding Formula. The consultation document is attached in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 This follows on from the first consultation held in 2021
- 3.3 The consultation ends on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- 3.4 The set of response question are in Appendix 2
- 3.5 Appendix 3 is a copy of a recent DFE factsheet regarding the NFF which links into this consultation.
- 3.6 The Schools Forum are asked to review the documentation and give any comments. The Forum are asked to set up a small sub group to discuss this further, if required. This should happen before the submission date of the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The submission can then be a joint Forum/Council response to the document.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Legal Implications Financial implications Personnel Implications Customer Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Appendices 1,2 and 3