

Appendix E: Targeted Pupil Support

The Local Authority is proposing that the revised rates for Prior Attainment, EAL and Pupil Mobility become as set out in the Table below.

Table : Proposed changes to Targeted Pupil Support rates in 2014-15

Factor	Primary		Secondary	
	Current	Revised	Current	Revised
Prior Attainment	£600	£600	£800	£600
EAL	£600	£800	£800	£800
Mobility	£750	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

The rationale behind this is:

- To take on board changes in the number of qualifying pupils given the changes introduced by DfE for Prior Attainment (secondary) and Mobility (primary and secondary).
- To ensure that combined percentage of funding allocated to these three factors for both primary and secondary phases is broadly the same as for 2013/14 with any minor adjustments made to AWPU.
- To maintain some consistency between primary and secondary factor rates previously Secondary rates were 33% higher but now they will be the same. This to be achieved without moving funding between primary and secondary sectors.

E1 Prior Attainment

Primary Prior Attainment

- E1.1 Local Authorities have the discretion to use either the number of pupils who achieved fewer than 73 points or fewer than 78 points on the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP). Waltham Forest uses 73 points along with 13 other London LAs out of the 29 London LAs using this factor). The Task and Finish Group agreed to continue to use the 73 points cut-off.

Secondary Prior Attainment

- E1.2 Currently this is based upon pupils who achieved neither L4 in maths nor L4 in English. It has now been changed to that based upon pupils who did not achieve either L4 in maths or English. This increases considerably the number of eligible pupils and has been done to bring about a better percentage balance between primary and secondary qualifying pupils.
- E1.3 On October 2012 census data the total number of eligible pupils in Waltham Forest rises from 1,697 to 3,676 eligible pupils. Total funding is currently £1.358m and if the rate is left at £800 per eligible pupil, an extra £1.583m would need to be found e.g. by reducing secondary AWPU by about £15 per pupil.

- E1.4 There is, however, a case for reducing the rate as the level of under-attainment is now less. Reducing the rate to £600 would mean a total cost of £2.161m - a net increase of £0.803m. This could be funded from changes to the mobility factor (see below) and reducing the secondary AWPU.
- E1.5 Whilst the Secondary Prior Attainment rate in Waltham Forest is significantly below the London average, this is mainly accounted for by the fact that some LAs do not use IDACI as a source of funding. Other LAs are expected to reduce their secondary PA rates as a result of the change in pupil data.

E2 English as an Additional Language (EAL)

- E2.1 For EAL, Local Authorities have the discretion to use data for pupils who have been in the system for fewer than 1, 2 or 3 years. Like Waltham Forest, 22 other London LAs use EAL3 for both primary and secondary phases. The Task and Finish Group saw no reason for making a change.

E3 Mobility

- E3.1 Currently, schools get funding for all eligible pupils who joined outside the normal time for admissions. This applies to pupils whose entry date to their current school is within the last three academic years and whose start date was not August or September. In the case of reception pupils the month of January is not counted.
- E3.2 New arrangements introduced by the DfE mean that funding only applies to those schools where the percentage of eligible pupils is over 10% and only the percentage above 10% counts. This has a disproportionate effect on Waltham Forest as the borough has a high mobility of pupils compared to other LAs.
- E3.3 Based on October 2012 Census data, for primary schools the change reduces the number of eligible pupils from 2,659 to 775 and the number of schools receiving funding from 52 to 30.
- E3.4 For secondary schools the impact is more extreme, with the number of eligible pupils falling from 799 to 113 with only The Lammas, Rush Croft and Norlington Boys receiving funding.
- E3.5 Currently funding for mobility is £2.793m and is worth 1.6% of all funding delegated to schools. Even if rates per pupil were raised (reflecting the fact that funding now only goes to the schools with greatest problems with mobility) funding is released which could be reallocated for other pupil related factors.