

# **Schools Forum meeting 19 September 2012**

## **Report on Feedback from Consultation on Schools Block for 2013/14 – For Information**

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### **Introduction:**

From 2013-14, there will be new funding arrangements for schools. The updated regulations allow a constrained Local Funding Formula using a limited number of factors in allocating funding to the schools block. This is the purpose of the consultation. After informing the Schools Forum of the proposed government changes in May 2012, consultations were sent out to school's headteacher and the chair of governors in the first two weeks of June 2012. This report summarises the responses from primary, all-through and secondary schools to the consultation documents on a Local Funding Formula from April 2013. Feedback from the consultation has been taken into account in the final proposals for a Local Funding Formula set out in the report on the Schools Block.

### **Consultation Feedback:**

Two consultations were sent out to all head teachers and governors of both maintained schools and Academies schools. There was a response from 22 out of the 63 schools and Academies.

**Table 1: Analysis of schools participation in the consultation**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Number of schools in sector</b>	<b>% of schools within the sector that responded</b>	<b>Number of responses received</b>
Infant Junior Primary	44	34%	15
Secondary	12	42%	5
All Through	2	50%	1
Academy	5	20%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>22</b>

### **Analysis Methodology:**

All responses received are summarised below. Each response is weighted by the pupil number at the school. Percentages stated in the Table 1 below are of those weighted responses. Proposals were adopted or rejected on the basis of the majority of responses. Full details of all responses including written comments can be found in **Appendices 1 and 2** to this report.

**Appendix 1:** Summary of all the responses received for the main consultation for both primary and secondary phase schools.

**Appendix 2:** Summary of all the responses received for the additional consultation for both primary and secondary phase schools.

**Table 1: Summary of consultation responses**

Ref	Consultation Questions	Schools Response
App 1 - Q1	Single AWPU Rate for Secondary School	All Schools agreed with the proposals.
App 1 - Q2	Use both IDACI and FSM	84% of Schools agreed
App 1 - Q3	FSM Indicator Ever 6	All Schools agreed
App 1 - Q4	IDACI bandings to top up FSM	56% of schools agreed
App 2 - Q1(a)	Use IDACI bands 4, 5 and 6	73% agreed to have three bands
App 2 - Q1(b)	Which fund should be reduced to pay	Split decision 42% agreed to move the funding with in IDACI
App 2 - Q1(c)	What IDACI rate to be used	Majority unsure
App 1 - Q5	Remove Looked after Children	Only two respondents - both agreed.
App 1 - Q6(a)	Lump Sum Amount	73% of Schools agreed to have the lump sum at £125,000
App 1 - Q6(b)	Reallocation of lower Lump Sum	Not applicable in the light of above response
App 1 - Q7	Include transport for off sites playing fields in Split sites	Split decision with only 40% agreeing
App 2 - Q2(a)	Mobility Factor	80% agreed to use a mobility factor
App 2 - Q2(b)	Which fund should be reduced to pay for mobility	38% Prior attainment, 20% EAL, 27% FSM, 15% AWPU
App 2 - Q2(c)	What mobility rate to be used	Majority unsure
App 2 - Q3	Prior Attainment Reduce 78 to 73	69% agreed to reduce the Prior Attainment from 78 to 73
App 1- Q8	Funding rates	Majority of the primary schools agreed to keep the rates same.
		Secondary schools had no overall preference
App 1 - Q9	Percentage breakdown of funding between factors	54% of schools agreed to the proposed funding split
App 1- Q10	Capping Gains	54% of schools agreed to have ceiling of 2%
App 2 - Q4	Primary Growth Fund	85% agreed to have primary growth fund
App 2 - Q5	Secondary Growth Fund	All agreed for a secondary growth fund
App 2 - Q6	Secondary Growth Fund to be met from AWPU	No overall decision

**Recommendations:**

**Schools Forum is asked to note the information contained in this report and to discuss any issues that the response raise.**