

Appendix 1 to Schools Block (delegated budget) Report

School & SEN Funding Working Groups

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Funding Factors – Quantums and Rates

Purpose of Report

1. To set out the current funding rates for Deprivation, English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Prior Attainment in both primary and secondary schools and set out the funding options for 2017-18.

Background

2. As part of the funding formula approved by the Education Funding Agency, Local Authorities are able to fund schools for a variety of factors. Under the Wiltshire funding formula, Schools Forum have recognised the need to direct funding to the following factors in both primary and secondary schools;
 - Deprivation (FSM Ever6)
 - English as an Additional Language (EAL)
 - Prior Attainment
3. A calculation was performed in 2014-15 which established funding rates, the overall quantum's for each factor and also appropriate differentials between primary and secondary schools.
4. The table below sets out the initial quantum's, including pupil numbers and funding rates for 2014-15.

Deprivation	Rates	Pupils	Total
Primary	825.73	5,667	£4,679,594
Secondary	831.70	3,875	£3,222,638
TOTAL		9,542	£7,902,281

EAL	Rates	Pupils	Total
Primary	1,922.48	435	£835,545
Secondary	658.66	85	£55,735
TOTAL		519	£891,280

Prior Attainment	Rates	Pupils	Total
Primary	614.95	6,480	£3,984,892
Secondary	459.11	5,560	£2,552,699
TOTAL		12,040	£6,537,591

Summary	Deprivation	EAL	Prior Attain	Total
Primary	£4,679,594	£835,545	£3,984,892	£9,500,030
Secondary	£3,222,638	£55,735	£2,552,699	£5,831,122
TOTAL	£7,902,281	£891,280	£6,537,591	£15,331,152

5. The total funding awarded to schools in 2014-15 through these factors was £15,331,152 as set out in the table above.

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6. In the 2015-16 funding year, Wiltshire schools benefitted from the additional £5.7m of Fairer Funding monies and as a result both the rates and overall quantum's were increased to £15.922m and for 2016-17 the overall quantum was retained at this level of funding, £15.914m.
7. Following the budget setting meeting for the Wiltshire Funding formula for 2016-17, where the overall quantum's had been retained and individual rates of funding adjusted, it was requested that the quantum's and rates be reviewed again as there had been a noticeable movement in the funding rates particularly for EAL funding.
8. It was agreed that work on the quantum's and rates would be presented to both the Schools Funding Working Group and Schools Forum, prior to the submission of school budgets for 2017-18.

Funding for 2017-18

9. The attached Appendix A sets out the position regarding the funding factors from 2014-15 to 2016-17, along with some options for 2017-18.
10. The total amount of funding for these factors has increased from £15.331m to £15.914m in 2016-17. Over the same period there has been growth in the numbers of pupils eligible for Deprivation funding but those eligible for Prior Attainment funding have reduced. Overall, there has been a growth in the funding for these factors.
11. The Appendix sets out four main options for the 2017-18 year;
 - Return to the original 2014-15 overall quantum of £15.331m and scale back the individual rates accordingly
 - Apply the 2014-15 rates for each factor which would increase the overall quantum to £15.925m
 - Retain the 2016-17 overall quantum of £ 15.914m and scale back the rates accordingly
 - Apply the 2016-17 rates for each factor which would increase the overall quantum to £15.985m.

Proposal

12. School Funding Working Group note the contents of the paper.
13. School Funding Working Group propose an option for the rates and quantum's for the 2017-18 Wiltshire school funding formula.

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