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MEETING DATE	21 January 2021
AGENDA ITEM 6	School Funding Formula 2021-22
RECOMMENDATIONS	That School Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree 2021-22 formula factors and values b. Agree final values retained for Growth and Falling Rolls c. Note final 2021-22 school budget allocations

1 Background

- 1.1 A consultation with schools on School Funding 2021-22 ran from 5th October – 16th November 2020.
- 1.2 At the November 2020 meeting, Schools Forum agreed the principles and changes to formula listed below following this consultation:

- To continue to move towards the National Funding Formula (NFF) as far as is possible
- Continue to retain Growth Funding
- Continue to retain Falling Rolls Funding
- To continue to retain funding for services through the Central School Services Block as previously agreed with Schools Forum; final allocations to be presented at the January 2021 Forum
- To continue de-delegated services at the current level
- To explore the provision of the additional de-delegated services
- Request information from the Insurance and Risk Protection team to allow discussion on RPA provision

2 Data Changes between October 2019 and October 2020 Census

- 2.1 Pupil number movements are as follows:

Primary	-315
Secondary KS3	-40
Secondary KS4	28
Total	-327

These numbers have been adjusted to allow for growing schools. There is currently just one: 60 places to COLPAI, pro-rated 7/12ths as they are only applicable for the period September-March.

Full data movements are shown below:

Primary		Oct 20	Oct 19	Difference
Basic Entitlement		13,140	13,455	(315)
Deprivation	FSM	4,867	4,157	710
Deprivation	FSM E6	5,639	5,935	(296)
Deprivation	IDACI F	1,258	760	498
Deprivation	IDACI E	2,359	1,445	914
Deprivation	IDACI D	1,824	1,961	(137)
Deprivation	IDACI C	2,698	2,112	586
Deprivation	IDACI B	2,356	3,756	(1,400)
Deprivation	IDACI A	567	1,535	(968)
EAL	3 yrs	2,634	2,771	(137)
Mobility		39	144	(105)
Prior Attainment		4,061	4,439	(378)

Secondary		Oct 20	Oct 19	Difference
Basic Entitlement	KS3	4,485	4,525	(40)
Basic Entitlement	KS4	2,906	2,878	28
Deprivation	FSM	2,866	2,650	216
Deprivation	FSM E6	4,614	4,765	(151)
Deprivation	IDACI F	722	404	318
Deprivation	IDACI E	1,237	723	514
Deprivation	IDACI D	1,222	1,075	147
Deprivation	IDACI C	1,674	1,299	375
Deprivation	IDACI B	1,300	2,258	(958)
Deprivation	IDACI A	407	978	(571)
EAL	3 yrs	198	218	(20)
Mobility		18	46	(28)
Prior Attainment		1,545	1,494	51

3 Budget Modelling 2021-22

3.1 The initial step was to roll in the new data and apply the NFF unit values.

Growth in new schools, as detailed above in para 2.1, was added.

Allocations of funding for NNDR (business rates) are set at actual cost 2020-21 and inflated by 5% in anticipation of continuing rate rises. Adjustments to account for difference between budget allocated and actual rates costs are input to the formula. Actual charges for 2021-22 will not be known in time for budget setting. The impact of rate changes is nil on individual schools as the NNDR budget factor is set to match cost; however, annual increases do create a budget pressure on the Schools Block and this has regularly been raised as an issue with the ESFA.

Allocated amounts to relevant schools for PFI costs were uplifted by 1.1% in line with retail price index as at November 2020. This data is latest available when running the formula.

Growth and Falling Rolls: after meeting the affordability of the formula it has been possible to continue to top-slice the Schools Block to provide £300k for growth funding and £400k for falling rolls, a total of £700k as noted by Schools Forum in November 2020. Further details will be presented in agenda item 9.

The remaining funding available allows Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) to be set at 1.56% to allow some protection per pupil for all schools i.e. no school will lose more than 1.56% per pupil funding. To note, operational guidance from the DfE specified that schools were set to receive at least a 0.5% MFG increase.

No capping of budget increases is applied, therefore schools are receiving funding according to the needs of their pupils in respect of their school data profile.

3.2 Annexe A is a summary of individual school budget movements between 2020-21 and 2021-22. It includes columns that show the change in overall budget and the change adjusted for the movement in NNDR funding as these allocations can skew the final figures and yet have no impact on budget bottom line. Budget movement is also adjusted by the amount of Base Entitlement increase due to pay grants; this allows us to illustrate the change in budget due to the national settlement increase and movements in individual school data.

3.3 Unit rates:

The table below shows the 2021-22 unit values used in the final budget model and 2020-21 unit values for information:

Factor	Unit	NNF Pri value 2021-22 £	NNF Sec value 2021-22 £	Pri value 2020-21 £	Sec value 2020-21 £
Basic Entitlement	Pri	3,697	n/a	3,382	n/a
Basic Entitlement	KS3	n/a	5,213	n/a	4,757
Basic Entitlement	KS4	n/a	5,875	n/a	5,399
Deprivation	FSM	545	545	533	533
Deprivation	FSM E6	681	994	663	965
Deprivation	IDACI F	255	367	249	355
Deprivation	IDACI E	308	491	296	479
Deprivation	IDACI D	485	687	444	633
Deprivation	IDACI C	527	746	479	687
Deprivation	IDACI B	562	805	515	740
Deprivation	IDACI A	734	1,024	710	994
EAL	3 yrs	651	1,758	633	1,705
Mobility		1,065	1,527	1,036	1,480
Prior Attainment		1,296	1,965	1,261	1,906
Lump Sum		139,453	139,453	135,428	135,428

4 Authority Proforma Tool (APT)

4.1 The APT details the local school funding formula and it is a statutory requirement that it be completed, receive political ratification and be submitted to the ESFA by 21st January.

Once ESFA confirm the formula has been applied in compliance with regulations and conditions of grant, schools can be advised of final Schools Block budget shares. The LA is required to issue budgets to maintained schools by the end of February.

5 Recommendations

That Schools Forum:

- 5.1 Agree 2021-22 formula factors and values as shown 3.3.
- 5.2 Agree final values retained for Growth and Falling Rolls; £300k and £400k respectively
- 5.3 Note final 2021-22 school budget allocations as shown in Annexe A.

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