

Schools Forum

7 November 2022

2023-24 Schools Funding Consultation

This report is for decision (ALL)

1. Recommendations:

That school forum members approve:

- 1.1 The 2023/24 Draft Schools Funding Consultation document

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To present and get approval of the 2023/24 Draft Schools Funding Consultation document to be issued to schools and academies.

3. Report Details

- 3.1 The Consultation Document for schools for 2023/24 includes the following proposals:

3.2 **The National Funding Formula (ALL Schools)**

THREE options have been modelled at the request of Schools Forum at the last meeting allocating schools budgets as follows:

- OPTION 1 – Minimum Transition
- OPTION 2 – Accelerated Transition
- OPTION 3 – National Funding Formula Factor Values

- 3.3 The table below sets out these three options factor by factor:

Description	SMBC 2022-23		OPTION 1		OPTION 2		OPTION 3	
Primary (Years R-6)	£3,512.00		£3,659.50		£3,630.00		£3,394.00	
Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,977.00		£5,181.90		£5,137.80		£4,785.00	
Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£4,977.00		£5,274.34		£5,285.00		£5,393.00	
Prim Minimum PP funding	£4,265.00		£4,405.00		£4,405.00		£4,405.00	
Sec Minimum PP funding	£5,525.00		£5,715.00		£5,715.00		£5,715.00	
Description - Additional Needs Funding	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
FSM	£176.00	£176.00	£216.20	£216.20	£244.80	£244.80	£480.00	£480.00
FSM6	£161.00	£372.00	£319.49	£587.35	£361.80	£635.60	£705.00	£1,030.00
IDACI Band F	£0.00	£0.00	£32.11	£47.16	£54.00	£79.00	£230.00	£335.00
IDACI Band E	£77.00	£350.00	£106.43	£377.71	£125.60	£385.00	£280.00	£445.00
IDACI Band D	£485.00	£676.00	£498.50	£692.90	£492.00	£684.80	£440.00	£620.00
IDACI Band C	£551.00	£771.00	£561.90	£788.90	£552.80	£776.80	£480.00	£680.00
IDACI Band B	£602.00	£855.00	£610.80	£869.50	£599.60	£854.00	£510.00	£730.00
IDACI Band A	£630.00	£900.00	£661.00	£939.00	£662.00	£938.00	£670.00	£930.00
EAL	£846.00	£1,227.00	£567.41	£1,292.30	£567.41	£1,322.60	£580.00	£1,565.00
Mobility	£0.00	£0.00	£112.88	£163.55	£205.00	£296.00	£945.00	£1,360.00
Low Prior Attainment	£1,225.00	£1,776.00	£1,240.50	£1,809.40	£1,231.00	£1,802.80	£1,155.00	£1,750.00
Lump Sum	£129,057.00	£129,057.00	£134,981.30	£134,981.30	£134,205.60	£134,205.60	£128,000.00	£128,000.00

3.4 There is an assumption at this stage that we will allocate £1.664m for Growth Fund (refer to 3.7 for full explanation) and that Schools Forum and all schools will support the top-slice of the Schools Block to fund the Attendance service to at least the minimum of £0.375m (refer to previous agenda item for full explanation).

3.5 With these assumptions in mind, the results of the modelling have further implications that the Schools Forum need to be aware of:

- OPTION 1 – This option is currently “unaffordable”. Using 0% Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) there is a shortfall of approximately £1.768m
- OPTION 2 – This option is also “unaffordable” and using 0% MFG there is a shortfall of £1.594m.
- OPTION 3 – This option is also “unaffordable” using 0% MFG there is a shortfall of £1.320m.

3.6 It is worth noting that the total DSG funding of £322m used in these modelling options is an indicative figure given to us by the DFE and is likely to increase in December based on past experience. The table below shows the % change from the indicative September DSG figures to the Final figure in December.

APT / DSG Modelling/Funding				
	SEP	DEC	Diff	%
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
2019	265.477	274.031	8.554	3%
2020	289.009	297.545	8.536	3%
2021	303.269	305.716	2.447	1%

It is anticipated from past experience that the final funding in December (but this is certainly not guaranteed) will be sufficient so that each option will be affordable when final modelling is done. If it is not then Schools Forum will be informed.

3.7 **Pupil Number Growth Fund (ALL Schools)**

TWO options have been proposed for consideration:

- **OPTION 1** - to continue with the current criteria of funding LA agreed PAN/Bulge class increases, new and growing schools and mid-year admissions with the expected 2023-24 fund of £2.000m being proposed.
- **OPTION 2** - to utilise Brought Forward funding and to model the Pupil Growth Funding to take this in account when calculating the requirements for 2023-24 as set out in the following table with the fund of £1.664m being proposed.

	£'000	£'000
Balance b/fwd from 2021/22		336
Allocation for 2022/23	1300	
Forecast spend in 2022/23	1300	
2022/23 in-year balance		0
Total c/fwd to 2023/24		336
Growth Fund needed in 2023/24		2,000
Amount of top-slice request		1664

3.8 **Top-slice of the Schools Block (SB) to the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) (ALL Schools)**

In order to complete the Draft Consultation document there is an assumption that Schools Forum will allow this proposal to be included.

Schools will be asked if they agree with the top-slice of the SB to fund the CCSB for Attendance Services. There is also an assumption that the options proposed by Officers can also be included.

3.9 **CSSB proposals** (ALL Schools)

Including 3.5 above, there are 5 proposals to be considered by all schools.

3.10 **Schools Block - De-delegation proposals** (Maintained Schools Only)

There are 5 de-delegated proposals to be considered by maintained schools.

3.11 **Schools Block - Education Functions** (Maintained Schools Only)

There are 2 Education function proposals to be considered by maintained schools.

Responses

3.12 The Draft Schools Funding 2023/24 Consultation document is attached. The modelling Options and responses will be available on this link in due course:

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/extranetforschools/info/25/schools_strategic_finance/420/latest_news

The deadline for stakeholders to respond is **noon on Thursday 1st December 2022 (subject to change).**

4. Recommendations

That school forum members approve:

4.1 The Schools Funding 2023/24 Consultation document to be issued to schools and academies and other interested stakeholders.

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