

Schools Funding Forum 14th December 2017 ITEM 6

Subject Heading:

**Schools and High Needs Funding
Formula 2018-19**

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Eligibility to vote:

All school members

SUMMARY

This report is to consider responses to the local authority's consultation with schools on schools and high needs funding and to approve the funding formula for financial year 2018-19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) considers responses to the consultation with schools
- (ii) agrees the proposal to implement the national funding formula for schools in financial year 2018-19

REPORT DETAIL

At the meeting held on 9th November 2017, the Schools Funding Forum considered, from a range of funding options presented, that implementation of the national funding formula factors, funding rates, a minimum funding guarantee of +0.5% and a cap of 3% per pupil would provide the highest level of funding to the greatest number of schools.

The consultation paper also covered the changes to the formula that would be used by the DfE to distribute high needs funding to local authorities. Although this

would allocate an additional £1m to Havering, this was insufficient to meet the pressures in 2018-19. An additional £800k would therefore be transferred from the Schools Block funded from a DSG contingency that had been intended to support the transition to a national funding formula.

A draft consultation paper was agreed for circulation with the addition of a shorter summary and with fewer funding options than had been presented to the Funding Forum.

The consultation paper (Appendix A) was sent to all head teachers on 27th November and to Chairs and Vice Chairs of governing bodies on 1st December.

A presentation was made at the Lead Member's Consultative Meeting with Governors on 14th November and to head teachers on 30th November and 4th December.

Responses were requested by a deadline of 11th December and will be summarised and tabled at the meeting.

Final data will not be received from the DfE until mid-December and LAs must then apply the agreed funding rates to this data for final submission to the DfE by 19th January subject to political approval from the Council.