



## Schools Funding Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 ITEM 8

**Subject Heading:**

**Schools Revenue Funding 2017-18**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**All members**

### SUMMARY

This item is to consider the process to be followed in the financial modelling of the DSG for financial 2017-18 and the allocation of funding to schools and the Local Authority.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the report.

### REPORT DETAIL

In July the EFA issued the annual operational guide to local authorities on schools revenue funding for 2017-18. This report is to consider the changes from 2016-17 and the timescales leading to the issuing of schools funding statements.

The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-funding-arrangements-2017-to-2018> Hard copies will be provided at the meeting.

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The main changes for 2017-18 are summarised in the document as follows:

- the DSG blocks have been re-baselined to reflect current spending patterns
- funding for ESG retained duties (£15 per pupil) will be transferred into the schools block for 2017 to 2018
- the removal of the post 16 funding factor, but with protection through the minimum funding guarantee (MFG)
- that local authorities will be able to retain funding from the DSG from maintained schools, including special schools and pupil referral units (PRUs), for statutory duties previously covered by the ESG
- using a national weighting for secondary low attainment figures
- using new bandings for the index of deprivation affecting children (IDACI)
- that local authorities are submitting one authority proforma tool (APT) in January 2017

Relevant areas of the guidance will be highlighted at the meeting and some of the decisions required are elsewhere on this agenda.