

# APPENDIX B

Schools Funding Forum 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## **Proposal to increase the delegated funding for EAL pupils**

Following consultation it has already been agreed that funding for EAL pupils be de-delegated for maintained primary schools. This was to maintain staffing levels in the EAL Team and to provide a budget for targeting to schools based on a central formula.

This arrangement has provided a central budget of £231,825 (less the amount retained by primary academies).

The allocation per EAL pupil (to calculate the allocations to schools prior to de-delegation) was determined by applying an appropriate rate to the data to provide the required budget to be held centrally. The method used was EAL1, which reflects the EAL pupils who have been on roll for a year since entering statutory education. Other options were for 2 years or 3 years after entering statutory education. The calculation based on the draft data received from the DFE from October 2011 was as follows:

Primary        76.13 x £3,045.28 = £231,825  
Secondary     67.02 x £2,204.07= £147,711

The final data from October 2012 has now been received and shows a significant increase in the primary sector. For each option the final data compared to the draft is as follows:

Primary	Draft	Final
EAL 1	76.13	631.49
EAL 2	559.30	1,108.62
EAL 3	1,004.52	1,493.45

Secondary	Draft	Final
EAL 1	67.02	71.05
EAL 2	116.99	137.05
EAL 3	166.04	201.02

This shows a considerable increase in the primary sector and it is proposed that this should be reflected in the funding formula. Not doing so would mean that funding would become further removed from data changes as the years progress.

The proposal is therefore to move to EAL3 (EAL pupils who have been in statutory education for 3 years) and increase the funding in the primary sector by 50%.

Although this would provide additional funding in the primary sector it is not proposed to change the de-delegation arrangements already agreed. The

£231,825 would continue to be de-delegated but schools would retain additional funding to support the EAL children in their schools.