

School Forum 31st October 2019

2020/21 Allocation

Context

The Local Area is now in receipt of the guidance and funding allocation for 2020/2021. The Local Area will benefit from the following uplift in funding:

Schools Block	Additional	£3.9 m	5% increase
High Needs Block	Additional	£1.5m	8% increase
Central Schools Block	Reduction	-£105k	They have made a 20% reduction in the historic commitments element of this allocation.

Early Years Block Funding information has not yet been released by ESFA

In line with School Forum expectation Officers have now modelled the allocation of these funds (with the exception of early years). In conducting this work the officers have used the principles agreed by School Forum with the ambition of getting to the minimum pupil guarantees. For this reason we have used the statutory guidance on minimum pupil amounts for both primary and secondary phases.

As we are dealing with a historical position of a deficit and an in year deficit officers have also modelled the impact of a disapplication request at the amount of £1.4 million, as discussed as part of our recovery plan to the DFE. A number of models have been considered and are presented as part of this report. Each model will be discussed in detail at the meeting.

Explanation of the models

- No Disapplication** Assumes a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 1.84% per pupil and a Minimum per pupil amount of £3,750 for Primary and £5,000 for Secondary. All other unit values as per National Funding Formula.
- Disapplication 1** Assumes a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 1.84% per pupil and a Minimum per pupil amount of £3,750 for Primary and £5,000 for Secondary. AWPU remains at NFF values, all other unit values have a 10% reduction from NFF levels, apart from lump sum which has a 9% reduction.
- Disapplication 2** Assumes a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 1.84% per pupil and a Minimum per pupil amount of £3,750 for Primary and £5,000 for Secondary. All unit values have a 2.5% reduction from NFF values, apart from lump sum which has a 4% reduction.

Disapplication 3 Assumes a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.8% per pupil and a Minimum per pupil amount of £3,750 for Primary and £5,000 for Secondary. AWPU remains at NFF values, as does lump sum, all other unit values have had a 12% reduction from NFF levels.

The modelling of the impact on special schools funding is based on a percentage increase to the whole budget of special schools. This is modelled at 2%, 4% and 5%.

Recommendations

- School Forum to consider and debate the models provided.
- Schools Forum to work with Officers to agree the model/s to include in the disapplication consultation.

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