

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BUDGET WORKING GROUP: NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

It is recommended that for the financial year 2015/16

1. Primary pupil funding – to add 2.9% in addition to the £13 per pupil increase arising from the changes to the primary lump sum so that the £2,759 2014/15 basic entitlement per pupil increases to £2,854 in 2015/16.
2. Secondary KS3 pupil funding – to add 2.9% so that the £3,583 2014/15 basic entitlement per KS3 pupil increases to £3,689 in 2015/16
3. Secondary KS4 pupil funding – to add 2.9% so that the £4,512 2014/15 basic entitlement per KS4 pupil increases to £4,645 in 2015/16.
4. Low prior attainment (low cost, high incidence special education needs) –
 - (i) to increase primary funding from £228 per pupil in 2014/15 to £428 per pupil in 2015/16;
 - (ii) to increase secondary funding from £148 per pupil in 2014/15 to £648 per pupil in 2015/16;
5. Deprivation –
 - (i) to reduce the primary ever-6 free school meal funding to £2,572 in 2015/16;
 - (ii) to reduce the secondary ever 6 free school meal funding to £ 2,162 per pupil.
6. EAL – to increase the £405 per EAL pupil (first year only) in 2015/16 to £505 for primary schools and £1,216 for high schools in accordance with the Minimum Funding Values set out by the DfE
- 7 Lump sums – primary £93,000 and secondary £130,500
- 8 Business Rates – no change funded at cost
- 9 Looked After Children – to maintain the funding in line with the pupil premium at £1,300 for 2015/16
- 10 Mobility – no change for 2015/16
- 11 PFI factor – (Subject to separate item elsewhere on the Forum's agenda for 24 October)

to increase to £207,500 (from £190,000) to provide for increased inflation within the PFI contract. This builds on the existing funding split between the council and DSG. There will be further increases in 2016/17 and 2017/18. The cost of additional PFI funding is being shared equally by DSG and the council's budget.

- 12 Sparsity**
(i) to increase the primary sparsity factor for qualifying schools to £28,000 tapered lump sum
(ii) to remove sparsity payments for high schools and increase the secondary lump sum by £1,750 to £132,250;
- 14 High Needs Protection - a continuation of the current budget protection scheme for high needs in primary schools with a cap of £60 per pupil be agreed in principle, subject to a more detailed review by the Budget Working Group;**
- 13 De-delegation - consideration of de-delegation be deferred pending further consideration by the BWG and a recommendation to the Forum in January 2015**

Note : Only school members of Forum can vote on the national school funding formula values. Voting on de-delegation is restricted to locally maintained schools only (i.e. not academies)