

# GATESHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA

Thursday, 12 January 2017 at 10.00 am in the Dryden Centre

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From the Acting Chief Executive, Mike Barker

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Item	Business
1	<b>Apologies</b>
2	<b>Minutes</b> (Pages 3 - 8)  The Forum is asked to approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 December 2016
3	<b>De-Delegation - EMTAS</b> (Pages 9 - 12)  Ann Muxworthy, Education Gateshead
4	<b>DSG Settlement</b> (Pages 13 - 18)  Carole Smith, Corporate Resources
5	<b>Mainstream School Funding Formula 2017/18</b> (Pages 19 - 26)  Carole Smith, Corporate Resources
6	<b>Schools National Funding Formula - Stage 2 Consultation</b> (Pages 27 - 34)  Carole Smith, Corporate Resources
8	<b>NAO Report - Financial Sustainability of Schools</b> (Pages 35 - 38)  Carole Smith, Corporate Resources
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## GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### GATESHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING

Thursday, 8 December 2016

#### PRESENT:

Ken Childs (Chair)	Special Schools Governor
Peter Lague (Vice Chair)	Trade Union Representative
Councillor Chris McHugh	Elected Member Representative
Julie Goodfellow	Primary Academy Headteachers
Steve Haigh	Secondary Academy Headteachers
Denise Henry	Nursery Sector Representative
Mustafaa Malik	Primary Headteachers
Andrew Ramanandi	Primary Headteachers
Michelle Richards	Special School Headteachers
Steve Williamson	Pupil Referral Unit Representative

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Foster	Corporate Resources
Frank McDermott	Corporate Resources
Carole Smith	Corporate Resources
Jeanne Pratt	Care Wellbeing and Learning
Steve Horne	Care Wellbeing and Learning
Rosalyn Patterson	Corporate Services and Governance

#### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from; Matt Younger, Ethel Mills, Sarah Diggle, Jim Thomson, Martin Flowers, Chris Richardson, Elaine Pickering and Alan Symons.

#### 2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

#### 3 FUNDING FOR PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED PUPILS

The Forum received a report on the continuing increase in permanent exclusions. It was noted that currently when a pupil is permanently excluded funding is clawed back from the excluding school. However, this still leaves a short fall of approximately £15,000 per pupil that it costs to meet the educational need of the permanently excluded pupil.

It was reported that the PRU is funded from the High Needs Block for 48 FTE permanently excluded pupils, however this number has continually been exceeded

since 2014/15. It was therefore proposed that if there is funding available once the mainstream schools funding has been calculated that any unallocated funding estimated at £150,000, be transferred to the High Needs Block to support the increased number of secondary permanent exclusions. The point was made that at present this is a estimated sum which may exist once the mainstream school budgets have been calculated .

It was questioned why there has been an increase in the number of permanent exclusions. It was confirmed that work is ongoing to look at the position of statistical neighbours and what provision they have, work is also underway with Headteachers to identify any patterns. It was also clarified that nationally permanent exclusions are rising, although Gateshead is higher than the national average.

It was noted that since September there has been 21 permanent exclusions, nine are pending permanent exclusion and there an additional seven potential exclusions.

It was acknowledged that this is a complex issue with no simple answer, it was also recognised that the small percentage of successful reintegration back into mainstream school suggests that permanent exclusions have been appropriate. The point was made that there are very few permanent exclusions that progress to Independent Review Panels which shows that they are undertaken in an appropriate manner.

It was suggested that work needs to be carried out to see if there are any commonalities in primary school behaviour which could help identify pupils earlier who are going down a similar route. It was confirmed that analysis work is underway on a number of pupils excluded last year around what services were involved and what interventions were in place to see whether there are any gaps, however this has not shown any conclusive patterns as yet. It was acknowledged that there is a lot of disparity in terms of early identification and support at primary schools and there are links to permanent exclusions through geographical elements, social deprivation and Pupil Premium. It was recognised that there is a definite need to understand better the increase in permanent exclusions as well as good practice, however there is a need now to deal with the number of pupils who are expensive to educate.

The point was made that all schools are suffering from tighter budgets and last year there was an underspend in the High Needs. It was confirmed that currently the position is that there is an overspend in the High Needs Block.

The Forum was advised that there has been no additional funding since 2010/11 and there is a need for all schools to look at this issue together and continue to work collectively as these pupils are all Gateshead children. It was pointed out that there is a statutory responsibility to educate these children and the cost to the public purse of not dealing with these pupils could be even higher.

It was confirmed that once a pupil is on roll at the PRU they are not counted in the Schools Block and the High Needs Block is currently just a lump sum. The point was made that there is a political agenda forcing structural change and eventually it will be necessary to look at different structures in order to plan long term. It was

acknowledged that long term planning is difficult due to the number of continuing changes and it is expected that this would be a one off incidence.

It was suggested that the proposal presented to Forum last year, around in-year additional premium of approximately £4,000 above claw back of funding when a pupil is permanently excluded, should be looked at further. It was noted that this would be included in the overall review of permanent exclusions. Support was also shown for an alternative provision school to help avoid permanent exclusions and the possibility of £150,000 being ring fenced for that purpose was suggested. However, it was clarified that this would not fit within the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations.

The Forum voted on the proposal contained in the report and also an additional proposal for a 50/50 split between the High Needs Block and the Schools Block.

**RESOLVED** - That the Schools Forum approved the movement of any unallocated Schools Block DSG funding to the High Needs Block of the DSG to support the higher costs of providing education to permanently excluded pupils.

#### **4 MAINSTREAM FUNDING FORMULA AND AUTHORITY PROFORMA TOOL**

The Forum received a report on the work of the Mainstream Schools sub group on the draft Authority Proforma Tool (APT).

It was reported that the sub group looked at a number of areas;

- Estimated funding
- IDACI bandings and funding
- Deprivation funding comparisons
- Key Stage 3 values
- Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Rates estimated costs

In terms of estimated funding it is anticipated that there will be additional pupils in mainstream schools because of demographic and new housing builds. Therefore there is a possibility of an additional £1.5million, after allocations for the additional children this could leave £150,000 available to reallocate to the High Needs Block for permanently excluded pupil support.

It was questioned whether there is double funding through the deprivation factor and Pupil Premium. It was confirmed that this is two separate grants, the deprivation factor is mandatory and the Pupil Premium is outside the remit of the DSG and the Schools Forum. In addition, the use of the 11% deprivation funding does not need to be explained whereas Pupil Premium is linked to the child and schools must prove how it has been used to support those pupils.

It was noted that if there is a change in the formula the APT will be brought back to January's meeting and an email exchange to all schools on 19 January as the APT needs to be submitted on 20 January 2017.

- RESOLVED - (i) That the Schools Forum noted the estimated additional Schools Block DSG of £1.5M.
- (ii) That the Schools Forum approved the following:-
- Proposed changes to the IDACI funding rates (which may need further adjustment when the APT and funding are received)
  - Approximately 11% of funding to be targeted at Deprivation
  - The increases to PFI and Rates costs
  - The draft APT

## **5 MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER**

The Schools Forum received an update report on the work of the Mental and Emotional Health Support Worker which was funded by the Forum.

It was noted that the Support Worker has been very successful in getting pupils away from home tuition and into the Centre. The Forum was thanked for the funding.

- RESOLVED - That the Schools Forum noted the reported and agreed that a further progress report will be brought back to Forum later in the academic year.

## **6 DE-DELEGATION - FAP EP AND IN SCHOOL SUPPORT**

A report was presented to the Schools Forum around the de-delegation of primary funding to support the Primary Behaviour Support Team and the educational psychologist to work to the Fair Access process.

It was reported that current referrals have increased, therefore work to raise the profile of the Primary Behaviour Support Team has been successful.

It was acknowledged that staff accessing the training have benefited from the money that has been de-delegated.

- RESOLVED - That the Forum agreed to the de-delegation of funds to continue with the Primary Fair Access Educational Psychologist and the Primary Behaviour Support Team.

## **7 DE-DELEGATION - EMTAS**

- RESOLVED - That this item be deferred until January's meeting.

## **8 DE-DELEGATION - TRADE UNION FACILITY TIME AND MATERNITY CREDITS**

The Forum received a report on the de-delegation of Trade Union Facility Time and Maternity Credits.

It was emphasised that if funding was not bought back there would be a significant impact on schools because Trade Union representatives would be out of school for nine days per year for training.

It was clarified that as there were no mainstream secondary representatives in attendance the Forum would only consider the primary maintained sector and the secondary sector would consider it at the next meeting.

RESOLVED - That the de-delegation was agreed for the primary sector. The Secondary sector views would be sought and brought back to January's Schools Forum.

*\*Peter Largue declared a pecuniary interest and left the room during discussion of this item.*

## **9 EARLY YEARS FORMULA UPDATE**

The Forum received an update report on the work of the Early Years National Funding Formula sub group. At its meeting on 7 November the sub group agreed the draft terms of reference to ensure an understanding of what the group is there to do. During the meeting the sub group agreed to;

- Create a draft funding model using 95% of the base rate funding
- The formula to have a single base rate for all settings which will allocate 90% of the funding available to settings
- The remaining 10% funding to be allocated to deprivation and distribute via the Acorn score of each setting

At its meeting on 28 November the group requested further modelling;

- 90% allocated via basic entitlement and 10% deprivation
- 95% allocated via basic entitlement and 5% deprivation
- Capping gains to create an inclusion fund

It was noted that under September's operational guidance additional factors can be included, for example; English as an additional language and quality.

RESOLVED - That the Schools Forum approved the draft Terms of Reference and the progress that the Group has made.

## **10 EDUCATION SERVICES GRANT TRANSFER**

A report was presented on the transfer of the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG) into the DSG from April 2017. It was noted that under regulations the Schools Forum needs to approve the funds being held

centrally.

It was confirmed that the retained duties funding relates to; school admissions, asset management, education welfare and statutory and regulatory duties. It was noted that local authorities also have duties to maintained schools only which will no longer be funded through the ESG from September 2017.

RESOLVED - That the Schools Forum approved the central retention of funding allocated for retained duties.

**11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 12 January 2017 at 10.00am

## Item 3

**TITLE OF REPORT: De-Delegation – Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Schools Forum an update on the work delivered from September 2015 as part of the de-delegated funding in place for Support to Underperforming Ethnic Minority Groups and Bilingual Learners.

### **Background**

2. The Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) aims to enhance the quality of educational opportunity, and support the educational achievement of all ethnic minority and Traveller pupils by offering a range of services to Gateshead schools.
3. It works in partnership with schools and other partners in providing a challenging and exciting learning environment which celebrates cultural diversity, promotes equal opportunities and raises the level of achievement of pupils from all ethnic minority groups including travellers.
4. From September 2016 the service consists of 7 members of staff equating to 5.2 full time equivalents (including manager).
5. In the last year Gateshead has seen a steady rise in the number of Ethnic Minority (EM) and Gypsy Roma and Traveller (GRT) children attending our schools.
6. Some of these are asylum seekers entering the country through the Home Office Resettlement programme others directly crossing borders and claiming asylum.
7. We are also still seeing children from other EU countries joining our schools; these pupils are particularly from Romania, Slovakia and Poland. Alongside this there is a rise in the number of children coming from Afghanistan and Iran. We are expecting a further increase once Clause 50 is implemented by the government.
8. The EMTAS team have assessed all the new arrivals and in some schools supported them to access the school curriculum.
9. The percentage of Ethnic Minority children recorded in our schools in January 2016 was 9.06%. This is a significant increase over last year's figure of 7.30%. This does not however take into account the continuing arrival of refugee children from Syria over the last year. In fact, there has been an increase of 3.5% over the past five years, and it is likely that the figures for January 2017 will exceed 11%.

10. It is worth noting that schools indicated that data had not yet been obtained for 50 pupils and that the ethnicity question was not completed at all for 280 pupils. There is also a lack of consistency in the way that schools use ethnicity codes, which makes it difficult to accurately identify trends. This was identified when EMTAS staff supported schools in completing the October census.
11. EMTAS plans to issue guidance to all schools ahead of the January 2017 census return.
12. Overall many of our schools have seen an increase in the number of new arrivals who speak no English and in many cases have never had any schooling. They bring with them a number of other complex problems.
13. The number of languages in our schools has also increased to over 80.

### **September 2015 – October 2016**

14. EMTAS have assessed, provided advice, guidance and support to almost 300 pupils in 25 schools. In addition to this EMTAS staff have assessed and monitored the progress of all English as an Additional Language (EAL) children.
15. Alongside this EMTAS staff carry out initial assessments on all new EAL admissions including all the Syrian children joining our schools prior to the allocation of support.
16. 85% of pupils supported by EMTAS in primary schools have moved up at least one or more level (some of the pupils may have arrived mid-term).
17. 89% of pupils supported by EMTAS in secondary schools/academies moved up at least one or more levels (some of the pupils may have arrived mid-term).
18. EMTAS staff has also worked with teachers and non - teaching staff, guiding, advising and supporting them as required.
19. They have also facilitated all parent/home school liaison, arrangement of interpreters for meetings, attending parents evening and other meetings as requested.
20. In some schools EMTAS has worked in an advisory capacity to the EAL Co-ordinator providing them with information, strategies, and resources to help them meet the needs of EAL and GRT pupils. In other schools they have worked with pupils either 1:1 or as part of a group.
21. EMTAS attends the Multi agency Hate Crime meetings and has regularly provided phone advice and guidance to schools on issues around hate crime/racism and other issues. They follow up all hate crime reported in our schools and support schools as required.
22. EMTAS has delivered Multicultural, faith awareness and hate crime activities/training in over 70 classes as well as whole school / Key stage assemblies. We have also delivered CPD training in over 15 schools.

23. EMTAS staff have delivered training at the Universities of Newcastle, Durham and , Northumbria, Gateshead School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT), Shotton College SCITT, Carmel College and Schools Direct. We have also delivered training to services within Gateshead Council who work with Ethnic Minority pupils.
24. EMTAS has worked with 6 secondary schools to identify and support pupils, through the Heritage Language GCSE examination process. We have also identified the tutors and organised the timetables for the examinations. All the pupils passed with excellent results.
25. Gateshead schools have 61 Gipsy, Roma & Traveller (GRT) pupils on roll. The EMTAS service supports the GRT pupils in five primary schools and 4 pupils in secondary schools. There are another 5 pupils who have elected to home educate their children. EMTAS has worked with the Fair Access officer to identify appropriate tutors for them.
26. EMTAS is also working in partnership with the Learning Skills to educate a number of children who do not attend secondary schools.
27. Site visits have regularly been carried out which have helped in developing good parent /school relationships. They have also encouraged parents to send their children to school regularly and to enrol in nursery/ school and secondary school. This can often be a very long and difficult task.
28. We also try to find out when Cluster meetings are taking place so that we can attend them with regular updates. This can at times be very challenging.
29. The service has produced a number of Assessment tools to help assess the growing number of EAL pupils joining our schools.
30. To support our new delivery model we have produced primary and secondary resources which can be used in schools to advise, support and sign post teachers working with EAL pupils.
31. The designated EAL leads forum which was set up last year has proved to be very successful, drawing in a large audience of teachers. The forum meets each half term and has explored a number of topics which have been very relevant to schools. Feedback from the meetings has been very good.
32. EMTAS staff have delivered training on the Talking Partners - EAL Intervention programme training to a number of schools. The delegates received training and resources which will help them in delivering the intervention programme in their schools. A number of schools have already started delivering the intervention programme.
33. The EMTAS service has updated its website and you will find forms for referring children for assessment/support or for booking an interpreter as well as downloads such as the Hate Incident Reporting Form and the Gateshead Multi-faith Calendar as well as links to many resources.  
<http://educationgateshead.org/ethnic-minority-and-traveller-achievement/>

34. The EMTAS service has organised and hosted a number of British Council courses for its schools. These courses are free and give schools an opportunity to look at a diversity of topics such as Citizenship, Critical Thinking and Creativity and Imagination. All of the courses have been well attended and have given schools an opportunity to explore these topics in their curriculum. They have also helped schools to develop International links and apply for funding to visit their partner schools.

### **Proposal**

35. In order to enable EMTAS to continue to provide these services to the schools and children in Gateshead it is proposed that schools de-delegate funding. The service is due to undergo a review, and as such the proposed funding rate has been amended from £14.78 per pupil to £13.42.

### **Recommendations**

36. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes the work undertaken by EMTAS to support the educational achievement of all ethnic minority and Traveller pupils in Gateshead schools, and approves the de-delegation of funding for EMTAS at the rate of £13.42 per pupil.

### **For the following reasons:**

- To note the work undertaken by EMTAS to support the educational achievement of all ethnic minority and Traveller pupils in Gateshead schools
- To provide funding for the service to enable them to support children and schools in Gateshead.

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**CONTACT: Ann Muxworthy**

**TITLE OF REPORT: DSG Funding Settlement**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To bring to Schools Forum attention the information received from the DfE for the 2017/18 funding settlement, and the work being carried out to provide schools and early years providers with their budgets for 2017/18.

**Background**

2. The DfE issued the 2017/18 funding settlement on the 20 December 2016. Gateshead will receive an estimated £138.5m Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/18 which is an increase in funding of £4.4m from £134.1m for 2016/17.
3. The DfE announced allocations for the three main funding blocks of the DSG which includes estimates for some areas. The three blocks are:
  - The Early Years block - for 2 and 3 & 4 year old funding, including Early Years Pupil Premium
  - Mainstream Schools block - which includes some centrally held funding
  - High Needs block - which includes special schools, PRU and high needs top-up and place funding

**The Early Years Block**

4. The way in which the Early Years block is calculated has been changed for 2017/18 due to the implementation of the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF). In 2016/17 the guaranteed unit of funding (GUF) allocation per full time equivalent (FTE) place was £3,882.17 for each 3 and 4 year old taking up their free entitlement. For 2017/18 there is a new hourly rate of £4.53 per hour, which is an equivalent of £4,303.50 per FTE funding. The new EYNFF also includes some new elements, including additional funding for the increase to 30 hours for eligible children from September 2017, the Maintained Nursery Supplement (MNS) and Early Years Disability Access Funding (EY DAF).
5. For 2 year old funding, the hourly rate has been increased from £4.85 to £5.20.
6. The below table provides a summary of the funding changes from 2016/17 to 2017/18 under the new EYNFF:

	2016/17	2017/18	Difference
<b>GUF 3 &amp; 4 YO</b>	£3,882.71	£4,303.50	£420.79
<b>EYNFF Hourly Rate</b>	£4.09	£4.53	£0.44
<b>FTE Pupil No's</b>	1,913	1,863	-50.40
<b>PTE Pupil No's</b>	3,188	3,104	-84.01
<b>Funding</b>	£7,427,624.23	£8,015,685.51	£588,061.28
<b>Additional 15 Hours</b>	£0.00	£1,318,248.12	£1,318,248.12
<b>Provisional EYPP</b>	£ 205,020	£ 145,522	-£59,498.43
<b>Provisional 2 YO</b>	£1,589,587.50	£2,127,850.38	£538,262.88
<b>MNS Supplement</b>	£0.00	£146,707.89	£146,707.89
<b>EY DAF</b>	£0.00	£49,200.00	£49,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 9,222,231.73</b>	<b>£11,803,213.48</b>	<b>£ 2,580,981.75</b>

7. The actual funding allocations for 2, 3 and 4 year old funding will be updated in July 2017 following calculation using the January 2017 census.

### The Schools Block

8. For the Mainstream Schools Block, the schools block unit of funding (SBUF) is £4,570.86, an increase from £4,551 to reflect the inclusion of the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG) from September 2017 and funding for newly qualified teachers (totalling £0.033m).
9. The mainstream block has been calculated at £107.07m, an increase of £1.49m from 2016/17 allocation of £105.58m, due to an increase of 236 pupils (+£1.107m) and the inclusion of the retained duties element of the ESG (£0.383m).
10. The total funding for the mainstream schools block is £107.072m. Of the mainstreams schools block, the amount proposed to be available to fund Gateshead mainstream schools through the APT is £105.293m, subject to the proposed deductions below:-
- Retained duties funding of £0.383m in relation to the retained duties elements of the ESG
  - Centrally retained funding to fund allowable central services of £1.206m. To meet statutory requirements regarding approval of centrally retained funding, a

table summarising the areas proposed for central retention is attached at appendix 1

- Deduction from the schools block to support the Growth Fund of £0.035m (to top the centrally held budget back up to £0.1m)
- DfE top-slice for school licences which the DfE will purchase centrally on behalf of all schools of £0.155m

### **High Needs Block**

11. The 2017/18 high needs block allocation is £21.78m, which is an increase of £0.739m from 2016/17. The increase is comprised of two elements:-

- £0.414m in relation to post 16 responsibilities transferred from the Department for Education to Local Authorities
- £0.325m in relation to an increased 2 to 18 population

### **Other Funding Information**

12. The DfE also announced that the Minimum Funding Guarantee would still exist for 2017/18 and again would be at minus 1.5% of per pupil funding for mainstream schools, special schools and the PRU, however it does not apply to early years settings.

13. All pupil premium for 2017/18 will remain the same as 2016/17 at £1,320 for ever 6 Free School Meal (FSMe6) primary children, £935 for secondary FSMe6 children, £1,900 for looked after children (LAC) and post LAC children, and £300 for service children.

14. Early Years Pupil Premium which is included in the DSG has also remained the same and is to be paid to providers on a participation basis of £0.53 per eligible child.

15. The meal rate for universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) stays at £2.30 for the 2017/18 academic year.

16. The year 7 catch-up premium and the primary PE and sport premium will continue for 2017/18, however the funding rates have not yet been confirmed.

17. The special educational needs and disability (SEND) implementation grant will continue for 2017 to 2018. This is to support English local authorities in the transition to the new SEND system.

18. Early in 2017, DfE will also announce money for wider support, including independent supporters and parent carer forums.

19. A new School Improvement and Brokering Grant has been announced with funding available to schools and LAs. Provisional allocations to LAs will be confirmed at a later date.

## **Proposal**

20. That Schools Forum approves to the calculation method for the Schools Block DSG to determine the amount of funding available to calculate mainstream individual school budgets. This will enable the individual school budgets to be calculated using the DfE's Authority Proforma Tool (APT) (subject to a later report), and notes the estimated amounts available for the Early Years Block, the High Needs Block allocation, and the other funding information provided.

## **Recommendations**

21. That Schools Forum:-

- Approves the centrally retained funding for:-
  - Retained duties £0.383m
  - Centrally retained funding for central services £1.206m
  - Top slice of the schools block for licences centrally purchased by the DfE £0.155m
  - Top slice of £0.035m for the provision of a Growth Fund.
- Notes the estimated Early Years Block
- Notes the High Needs Block allocation
- Notes the other funding information

For the following reasons:-

- To enable individual school budgets to be calculated
- To provide additional funding information

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**CONTACT: Carole Smith**

## Appendix 1 – Summary of Centrally Retained funding

<b>DSG Area (as per Section 251 return)</b>	<b>2017/18 proposed centrally retained</b>
Contribution to combined budgets	£0.440m
School Admissions	£0.122m
Servicing of Schools Forum	£0.116m
Termination of Employment Costs	£0.528m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1.206m</b>

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**TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream Schools Funding**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To bring to Schools Forum the proposed Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for submitting funding factors and values to the DfE for approval and for the calculation of mainstream schools individual school budgets for 2017/18.

**Background**

2. Gateshead received its Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding settlement on 20 December 2016. From the date of the settlement, work has been undertaken to calculate the amount available for mainstream schools and to calculate individual mainstream school budgets.
3. The Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations for 2016 have not yet been issued, and as such the mainstream schools allocations have been calculated under the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2015 which came into force 7 January 2016 and the Schools Revenue Funding 2017 to 18 – Operational Guidance updated in November 2016.
4. The schools block has been calculated at £107.07m. This is calculated by 23,425 mainstream pupils multiplied by the Guaranteed Unit of Funding GUF of £4,570.86.
5. Out of the mainstreams schools block, the amount available to fund Gateshead mainstream schools is £105.293m, an increase of £1.148m, (as per Item 4).
6. This amount of funding has been used to calculate Gateshead mainstream schools individual schools budgets using the APT based on the formula factors from 2016/17 APT updated for changes in the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) and secondary prior attainment data.
7. A number of inputs and adjustments were made to the APT prior to modelling. These included:-
  - Thomas Hepburn Academy data set showed the school having 45% of its pupils starting on a non-standards date (mobile data). This is incorrect and relates to the date the school converted to an academy. The percentage has been therefore been adjusted to 5% which is an average of the previous 2013/14 and 2014/15 data, as this is the last correct data for the school.
  - Input of estimated rates charges for 2017/18 and adjustments for actual rates charges for 2016/17 in comparison to the amount funded for 2016/17. There

have been some swings in rates charges due to revaluations of school premises, the proposed change in the business rates multiplier. New school buildings have also opened during 2016, with another due to open 2017. The actual new rates charges are known for one of these schools (Front Street) and has been used as an estimate for the other three schools. It is imperative to get the most accurate rates forecast for 2017/18 as this will be used as the historic baseline for the proposed national funding formula from 2018/19.

- The PFI factor was re-calculated to take into account the changes in pupil numbers and PFI charges.
  - Adjustments to pupil numbers for main or current registered pupils for schools with ARMS, (as at October 2016).
  - De-delegation has been input as agreed at Decembers Schools Forum and if required will be further updated with decisions from January's Schools Forum.
8. The December issued APT has an updated data set for the calculation of the mainstream school budgets, predominately based on the October 2016 census. The updated data set was checked against last year's APT to review the changes in data. There were found to be no unexpected changes in data as the DfE had already forewarned LAs about the data changes for Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) and secondary prior attainment data.
  9. The IDACI bandings for January 2017 submission were amended by the DfE to more closely correlate to the banding percentages from the January 2015 submission, as the banding changes for the January 2016 submission significantly changed the banding percentages and therefore funding, due to the move from IDACI 2010 data to 2015 data.
  10. As a test APT had been provided with the updated IDACI bandings, modelling was undertaken in the autumn term to model funding proportions.
  11. The Key Stage 2 (KS2) Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are used to as a prior attainment measure for the secondary phase. These tests became more challenging from summer 2016, and in order to compensate for this change, the DfE applied a national weighting of 48.02% to the 2016 summer secondary prior attainment data, so that any financial turbulence caused by the change in performance data was minimised.
  12. The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) changed in 2013, so a weighting may be used to ensure that funding delivered through the primary prior attainment factor is not disproportionately affected by the year groups (years 1, 2, 3 and 4) assessed under the new framework. The percentage weighting was reviewed to ensure that the amount of funding driven through this factor was approximately the same as for 2016/17.

## **Modelling**

13. For the model all validation flags within the APT are green, which means that all validation checks within the APT have been satisfied and this indicates that the model complies with Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2015, and the required percentage allocations for Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) and pupil led factors have been satisfied.

14. Due to an increase in pupil numbers, the different distribution of pupils between the primary and secondary phase and the updated data set, when the mainstream school budgets were calculated with the January 2016 APT factor values or percentages without any capping or scaling, there was an under allocation of £0.158m. A copy of the proposed proforma is shown in appendix 1, with a funding comparison between 2016/17 and the proposed funding for 2017/18 in appendix 2. The funding comparisons for IDACI and prior attainment are shown in appendix 3.

## **Proposal**

15. That Schools Forum notes the changes in IDACI and prior attainment data. That Schools Forum approves the data changes to Thomas Hepburn mobility data amended to 5%, the rates changes to reflect the new business rates multiplier and the opening of new schools, the update of the PFI calculation for the change in charges and pupil numbers and the updated commissioned numbers and the recording of the number of main and current pupils in ARMs. That Schools Forum approves the values and percentage allocations for the formula factors in the proforma in appendix 1, and notes the 2016/17 and proposed 2017/18 comparisons for post minimum funding guarantee (MFG) budgets, and the changes in IDACI and prior attainment funding.

## **Recommendations**

16. That Schools Forum approves:-

- The data changes:-
  - Thomas Hepburn mobility data amended to 5%
  - Rates changes to reflect the new business rates multiplier and the opening of new schools
  - The update of the PFI calculation for the change in charges and pupil numbers
  - Updated commissioned numbers for ARMs and the recording of the number of main and current pupils in those ARMs.
- The values and percentage allocations for the formula factors in the proforma in appendix 1
- The transfer of £0.158m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block

That Schools Forum notes:-

- The change in IDACI and prior attainment data

For the following reasons:-

- To enable the proforma to be submitted to the DfE within timescale
- To enable Gateshead Mainstream Schools funding to be calculated
- To move funding to the High Needs Block to support the cost of educating the increased number of permanently excluded pupils.

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# Appendix 1

## Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name: Gateshead  
 LA Number: 390

### Pupil Led Factors

Reception uplift		No	Pupil Units		0.00						
Description		Amount per pupil		Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)		Notional SEN (%)	
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6)	£2,905.00		14,819.00		£43,049,195	£77,622,885	41.11%		5.00%	
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£3,750.00		5,291.00		£19,841,250		18.95%		5.00%	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£4,360.00		3,379.00		£14,732,440		14.07%		5.00%	
Description		Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)		Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
2) Deprivation	FSM6 % Primary	£850.00		4,539.46		£3,858,543	£11,375,917	10.86%		23.00%	
	FSM6 % Secondary		£1,400.00		2,957.64	£4,140,703				19.00%	
	IDACI Band F	£0.00	£0.00	1,783.78	986.89	£0				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band E	£0.00	£0.00	1,746.44	947.59	£0				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band D	£347.75	£416.24	2,074.05	1,144.98	£1,197,838				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band C	£401.25	£480.28	587.86	330.93	£394,821				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band B	£481.50	£576.33	1,082.04	553.77	£840,162				23.00%	19.00%
	IDACI Band A	£802.50	£960.55	717.43	383.23	£943,851				23.00%	19.00%
Description		Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)		Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC X March 16	£1,500.00		187.85		£281,779	£686,268	0.27%		0.00%	
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	EAL 3 Primary	£260.00		709.36		£184,435		0.20%		0.00%	
	EAL 3 Secondary		£260.00		108.96	£28,329		0.18%		0.00%	0.00%
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	95.86	0.00	£191,725		0.18%		0.00%	0.00%
Description		Weighting	Amount per pupil	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)		Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
6) Prior attainment	Low Attainment % new EFSP	70.00%	£320.00	30.04%	3,797.65	£1,215,247	£2,093,024	2.00%		100.00%	
	Low Attainment % old FSP 73			16.30%							
	Secondary low attainment (year 7)	48.02%	£550.00	18.28%	1,595.96	£877,776					100.00%
	Secondary low attainment (years 8 to 11)			18.44%							

### Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)	
7) Lump Sum	£115,000.00	£140,000.00			£8,965,000	8.56%	0.00%	0.00%
8) Sparsity factor					£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Please provide alternative distance and pupil number thresholds for the sparsity factor below. Please leave blank if you want to use the default thresholds. Also specify whether you want to use a tapered lump sum for one or both of the phases.

Primary distance threshold (miles)	Primary pupil number average year group threshold	Fixed or tapered sparsity primary lump sum?	Fixed
Secondary distance threshold (miles)	Secondary pupil number average year group threshold	Fixed or tapered sparsity secondary lump sum?	Fixed
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)	Middle school pupil number average year group threshold	Fixed or tapered sparsity middle school lump sum?	Fixed
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)	All-through pupil number average year group threshold	Fixed or tapered sparsity all-through lump sum?	Fixed

9) Fringe Payments	£0	0.00%	
10) Split Sites	£0	0.00%	0.00%
11) Rates	£1,734,821	1.66%	0.00%
12) PFI funding	£2,236,117	2.14%	0.00%

Circumstance	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)	
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY16-17	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools	£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance3	£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance4	£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance5	£0	0.00%	0.00%	
Exceptional Circumstance6	£0	0.00%	0.00%	

**Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total) (£)** **£104,714,031**    **100.00%**    **£8,031,199**

14) Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG is set at -1.5%)	£421,852	
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)	No	
Capping Factor (%)	Scaling Factor (%)	
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied		
£0		
Total (£)		Proportion of Total funding (%)
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)		£421,852    0.40%

High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)	£0.00
Additional funding from the high needs budget	£0.00
Growth fund (if applicable)	£35,000.00
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)	£0.00

<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula</b>	<b>£105,135,883</b>
<b>% Distributed through Basic Entitlement</b>	<b>74.13%</b>
<b>% Pupil Led Funding</b>	<b>87.65%</b>
<b>Primary: Secondary Ratio</b>	<b>1 : 1.26</b>

Total funding for schools block formula contains funding from outside of the 2017-18 Schools Block allocation? No

Appendix 2

LAESTAB	School Name	16-17 MFG Adjustment	16-17 Post MFG Budget	Oct 2015 NOR	Oct 2016 NOR	Difference	17-18 MFG Adjustment	17-18 Post MFG Budget	17-18 MFG Adjustment	17-18 Post MFG Budget
		<b>£598,548</b>	<b>£104,144,436</b>	<b>23319</b>	<b>23544</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>£421,852.24</b>	<b>£105,135,883.47</b>	<b>-£176,695.32</b>	<b>£991,447.79</b>
3902008	Carr Hill Community Primary School	£18,738.88	£1,325,409.66	300	308	8.00	£1,051.79	£1,350,327.19	-£17,687.09	£24,917.53
3902012	Kelvin Grove Primary School	£0.00	£1,269,977.43	291	292	1.00	£0.00	£1,277,788.84	£0.00	£7,811.41
3902036	South Street Primary School	£0.00	£1,254,045.42	276	270	-6.00	£0.00	£1,221,221.42	£0.00	-£32,823.99
3902039	Bede Community Primary School	£7,853.61	£805,894.37	150	172	22.00	£11,475.98	£884,438.10	£3,622.37	£78,543.73
3902049	Oakfield Junior School	£0.00	£850,674.53	237	240	3.00	£0.00	£866,617.61	£0.00	£15,943.09
3902051	LARKSPUR COMMUNITY PRIMARY S	£0.00	£781,720.52	158	156	-2.00	£0.00	£790,680.01	£0.00	£8,959.49
3902055	Oakfield Infant School	£330.16	£674,173.95	182	180	-2.00	£0.00	£674,351.80	-£330.16	£177.85
3902056	Ravensworth Tce Primary School	£8,000.31	£834,534.91	221	252	31.00	£0.00	£951,268.76	-£8,000.31	£116,733.85
3902162	Portobello Primary School	£0.00	£764,296.78	204	209	5.00	£0.00	£784,783.16	£0.00	£20,486.37
3902163	Birtley East Primary School	£15,126.71	£883,274.83	205	212	7.00	£4,262.84	£918,300.60	-£10,863.87	£35,025.77
3902164	Dunston Hill Community Primary	£0.00	£1,596,157.70	384	389	5.00	£0.00	£1,587,516.66	£0.00	-£8,641.04
3902167	Emmaville Primary School	£0.00	£1,010,046.98	280	297	17.00	£0.00	£1,065,519.55	£0.00	£55,472.57
3902168	High Spen Primary School	£0.00	£616,176.36	153	156	3.00	£0.00	£644,450.31	£0.00	£28,273.95
3902172	Swalwell Primary School	£62,731.21	£811,358.40	177	175	-2.00	£70,450.28	£802,604.06	£7,719.07	-£8,754.34
3902177	Winlaton West Lane Primary Sch	£31,178.78	£1,326,561.60	359	339	-20.00	£19,460.24	£1,253,196.44	-£11,718.54	-£73,365.16
3902181	Greenside Primary School	£75,305.15	£747,514.09	172	174	2.00	£69,702.52	£747,483.73	-£5,602.63	-£30.36
3902182	Blaydon West Primary School	£40,574.75	£635,551.23	133	132	-1.00	£40,253.45	£627,453.74	-£321.30	-£8,097.49
3902184	Front Street Community Primary	£0.00	£1,311,570.03	373	398	25.00	£0.00	£1,472,489.83	£0.00	£160,919.80
3902186	Highfield Primary School	£13,301.46	£632,774.66	108	108	0.00	£11,421.04	£619,798.10	-£1,880.41	-£12,976.56
3902188	Ryton Community Infant School	£3,391.83	£548,310.09	134	115	-19.00	£118.34	£485,370.47	-£3,273.49	-£62,939.63
3902193	Ryton Community Junior School	£0.00	£726,903.26	193	190	-3.00	£0.00	£725,010.64	£0.00	-£1,892.62
3902194	Washingwell Community Primary	£19,040.85	£662,550.38	162	160	-2.00	£7,718.19	£652,794.61	-£11,322.66	-£9,755.78
3902197	Bill Quay Primary School	£3,428.59	£769,598.78	209	207	-2.00	£0.00	£788,562.59	-£3,428.59	£18,963.82
3902198	Falla Park Community Primary Sch	£0.00	£966,001.23	217	217	0.00	£0.00	£974,706.57	£0.00	£8,705.33
3902200	Brandling Primary School	£6,123.27	£600,268.72	114	122	8.00	£0.00	£632,179.30	-£6,123.27	£31,910.58
3902205	Lingey House Primary School	£19,478.71	£1,480,093.58	393	400	7.00	£22,414.89	£1,563,015.89	£2,936.18	£82,922.31
3902213	THE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£0.00	£791,793.91	181	182	1.00	£0.00	£808,264.98	£0.00	£16,471.07
3902214	White Mere Comm Primary School	£0.00	£572,594.19	143	134	-9.00	£0.00	£544,743.89	£0.00	-£27,850.30
3902216	Clover Hill Primary School	£0.00	£756,279.10	210	208	-2.00	£0.00	£751,451.00	£0.00	-£4,828.10
3902219	Crookhill Primary	£11,836.89	£718,077.67	175	189	14.00	£6,010.82	£757,691.39	-£5,826.08	£39,613.72
3902221	Brighton Avenue Primary School	£75,500.86	£1,226,238.64	259	268	9.00	£65,274.61	£1,266,185.39	-£10,226.25	£39,946.75
3902222	Lobley Hill Primary School	£0.00	£1,460,715.43	382	383	1.00	£851.05	£1,448,681.83	£851.05	-£12,033.59
3902224	Wardley Primary School	£1,161.39	£979,572.45	255	279	24.00	£0.00	£1,067,568.60	-£1,161.39	£87,996.14
3902225	Glynwood Primary School	£0.00	£1,169,548.52	294	330	36.00	£0.00	£1,301,540.11	£0.00	£131,991.58
3902226	Barley Mow Primary School	£8,481.25	£882,230.14	194	186	-8.00	£0.00	£825,975.00	-£8,481.25	-£56,255.14
3902227	Windy Nook Primary School	£5,673.39	£1,091,261.56	296	289	-7.00	£0.00	£1,066,807.54	-£5,673.39	-£24,454.01
3902228	Colegate Primary	£2,262.21	£883,215.50	212	180	-32.00	£0.00	£779,961.09	-£2,262.21	-£103,254.41
3902229	Roman Road Primary School	£17,736.34	£693,331.54	146	168	22.00	£5,981.47	£855,483.15	-£11,754.87	£162,151.60
3902231	Fellside Primary School	£0.00	£733,559.77	206	209	3.00	£0.00	£755,517.28	£0.00	£21,957.50
3902232	Fell Dyke Primary School	£0.00	£1,276,266.03	277	282	5.00	£0.00	£1,322,515.54	£0.00	£46,249.50
3902233	Caedmon Community Primary	£7,276.51	£879,128.97	200	207	7.00	£0.00	£907,816.88	-£7,276.51	£28,687.90
3902234	Kells Lane Primary School	£0.00	£1,379,571.51	416	415	-1.00	£0.00	£1,371,347.64	£0.00	-£8,223.86
3902235	Chopwell Primary	£293.51	£888,314.97	210	212	2.00	£0.00	£915,653.86	-£293.51	£27,338.89
3902236	Park Head Primary School	£35,765.93	£1,186,573.47	297	314	17.00	£10,818.82	£1,234,765.33	-£24,947.11	£48,191.86
3902237	St Aidan's CofE Primary School	£0.00	£893,857.66	204	207	3.00	£0.00	£900,163.81	£0.00	£6,306.15
3902238	Harlow Green Primary School	£2,856.90	£1,671,454.44	373	387	14.00	£0.00	£1,693,064.19	-£2,856.90	£21,609.75
3902239	Rowlands Gill Primary School	£0.00	£1,395,938.97	312	291	-21.00	£0.00	£1,303,258.40	£0.00	-£92,680.57
3903001	WHICKHAM PAROCHIAL PRIMARY S	£0.00	£758,287.80	212	212	0.00	£0.00	£761,589.34	£0.00	£3,301.54
3903313	Corpus Christi Catholic School	£0.00	£828,657.16	202	197	-5.00	£0.00	£821,232.53	£0.00	-£7,424.62
3903317	St Joseph's R C Primary School	£15,749.19	£836,473.36	201	204	3.00	£3,711.76	£836,258.00	-£12,037.43	-£215.37
3903318	St.Oswalds RC (Aided) Primary	£0.00	£830,981.01	196	188	-8.00	£0.00	£806,387.98	£0.00	-£24,593.03
3903319	St Peter's R C Primary School	£0.00	£759,464.45	210	211	1.00	£0.00	£764,186.19	£0.00	£4,721.75
3903322	St Anne's R C Primary School	£0.00	£578,776.90	136	126	-10.00	£0.00	£540,064.74	£0.00	-£38,712.16
3903324	St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	£0.00	£470,525.68	107	114	7.00	£0.00	£491,869.11	£0.00	£21,343.43
3903325	Birtley St.Joseph's Catholic Infant S	£5,176.91	£403,487.25	87	89	2.00	£0.00	£411,086.39	-£5,176.91	£7,599.13
3903326	St Agnes' R C Primary School	£3,704.08	£762,682.02	210	208	-2.00	£0.00	£752,961.76	-£3,704.08	-£9,720.27
3903327	St Joseph's R C Sch Highfield	£0.00	£529,244.55	128	122	-6.00	£5,402.74	£503,904.44	£5,402.74	-£25,340.12
3903328	St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas	£2,983.83	£741,398.83	207	213	6.00	£0.00	£757,940.16	-£2,983.83	£16,541.32
3903330	St Philip Neri R C Primary Sch	£0.00	£653,868.47	163	163	0.00	£0.00	£665,611.47	£0.00	£11,743.00
3903331	ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL	£7,045.88	£783,196.35	211	213	2.00	£0.00	£782,603.27	-£7,045.88	-£593.08
3903333	St Mary's R.C. Primary School	£0.00	£753,541.59	210	209	-1.00	£0.00	£750,608.73	£0.00	-£2,932.86
3903335	St Alban's Catholic Primary School	£6,349.45	£821,564.66	216	217	1.00	£2,397.98	£814,188.26	-£3,951.47	-£7,376.40
3903336	Felling St.Augustine's R.C.P	£0.00	£1,157,874.48	308	306	-2.00	£0.00	£1,142,988.30	£0.00	-£14,886.18
3903339	St Wilfrid's R C Primary Sch.	£0.00	£585,806.30	110	114	4.00	£13,640.47	£595,607.64	£13,640.47	£9,801.33
3904036	Heworth Grange Comprehensive	£0.00	£5,130,389.62	983	1028	45.00	£0.00	£5,397,985.72	£0.00	£267,596.10
3904041	Kingsmeadow Comprehensive Sch	£0.00	£4,052,414.63	581	589	8.00	£0.00	£4,016,231.95	£0.00	-£36,182.69
3902058	Kibblesworth Academy	£35,861.99	£625,988.48	148	149	1.00	£35,212.65	£621,734.23	-£649.34	-£4,254.25
3902220	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY	£21,054.79	£883,548.09	211	236	25.00	£14,220.33	£961,393.22	-£6,834.46	£77,845.13
3903329	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary Scho	£7,172.00	£552,235.26	136	165	29.00	£0.00	£643,140.68	-£7,172.00	£90,905.42
3904000	Thomas Hepburn Community Acad	£0.00	£3,137,355.73	537	486	-51.00	£0.00	£2,894,644.42	£0.00	-£242,711.31
3904001	Thorp Academy	£0.00	£4,241,491.88	898	834	-64.00	£0.00	£3,952,298.84	£0.00	-£289,193.04
3904027	Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	£0.00	£6,801,824.61	1263	1243	-20.00	£0.00	£6,705,560.91	£0.00	-£96,263.71
3904029	WHICKHAM COMPREHENSIVE SCH	£0.00	£5,790,864.67	1277	1298	21.00	£0.00	£5,878,316.19	£0.00	£87,451.52
3904043	Joseph Swan Academy	£0.00	£4,537,679.12	861	880	19.00	£0.00	£4,664,245.63	£0.00	£126,566.51
3904605	Cardinal Hume Catholic School	£0.00	£5,368,183.13	1102	1143	41.00	£0.00	£5,549,879.45	£0.00	£181,696.32
3904606	St Thomas More School	£0.00	£5,351,665.64	1181	1197	16.00	£0.00	£5,410,977.09	£0.00	£59,311.45

Appendix 3

LAESTAB	School Name	Oct 2015 NOR	Oct 2016 NOR	Difference	Primary IDACI 2016 17	Primary IDACI 2017 18	Difference	Secondary IDACI 2016 17	Secondary IDACI 2017 18	Difference	2016 17 Prior Attainment	2017 18 Prior Attainment	Difference
		23319	23544	225.00	£1,932,700	£2,053,878	£121,178	£1,240,880	£1,322,793	£81,914	£2,070,287	£2,093,024	£22,737
3902008	Carr Hill Community Primary School	300	308	8.00	£96,098	£103,430	£7,332	£0	£0		£39,834	£43,903	£4,069
3902012	Kelvin Grove Primary School	291	292	1.00	£82,779	£84,945	£2,166	£0	£0		£39,712	£38,485	£-1,226
3902036	South Street Primary School	276	270	-6.00	£88,269	£98,627	£10,358	£0	£0		£30,383	£28,552	£-1,830
3902039	Bede Community Primary School	150	172	22.00	£88,343	£92,454	£4,111	£0	£0		£25,445	£25,861	£417
3902049	Oakfield Junior School	237	240	3.00	£11,878	£11,040	£-838	£0	£0		£9,284	£13,545	£4,261
3902051	LARKSPUR COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	158	156	-2.00	£61,657	£64,177	£2,520	£0	£0		£18,284	£18,455	£170
3902055	Oakfield Infant School	182	180	-2.00	£5,603	£6,590	£987	£0	£0		£10,693	£8,064	£-2,629
3902056	Ravensworth Tce Primary School	221	252	31.00	£7,728	£14,445	£6,717	£0	£0		£6,404	£8,190	£1,786
3902162	Portobello Primary School	204	209	5.00	£7,220	£7,553	£333	£0	£0		£13,731	£14,901	£1,170
3902163	Birtley East Primary School	205	212	7.00	£45,895	£52,381	£6,486	£0	£0		£20,363	£21,198	£835
3902164	Dunston Hill Community Primary	384	389	5.00	£13,967	£13,616	£-352	£0	£0		£30,729	£32,866	£2,137
3902167	Emmaville Primary School	280	297	17.00	£1,588	£2,220	£632	£0	£0		£15,560	£15,421	£-138
3902168	High Spen Primary School	153	156	3.00	£13,886	£13,175	£-711	£0	£0		£9,043	£10,317	£1,274
3902172	Swalwell Primary School	177	175	-2.00	£3,223	£3,983	£760	£0	£0		£22,183	£19,007	£-3,177
3902177	Winlaton West Lane Primary School	359	339	-20.00	£16,328	£14,780	£-1,548	£0	£0		£26,383	£25,182	£-1,200
3902181	Greenside Primary School	172	174	2.00	£2,247	£3,185	£938	£0	£0		£9,232	£9,481	£248
3902182	Blaydon West Primary School	133	132	-1.00	£9,177	£8,248	£-929	£0	£0		£8,701	£9,638	£938
3902184	Front Street Community Primary	373	398	25.00	£6,589	£4,920	£-1,669	£0	£0		£26,412	£29,258	£2,846
3902186	Highfield Primary School	108	108	0.00	£36,063	£33,384	£-2,679	£0	£0		£8,469	£9,053	£584
3902188	Ryton Community Infant School	134	115	-19.00	£0	£696	£696	£0	£0		£6,670	£6,133	£-537
3902193	Ryton Community Junior School	193	190	-3.00	£1,495	£1,541	£46	£0	£0		£6,784	£7,392	£608
3902194	Washingwell Community Primary	162	160	-2.00	£1,490	£1,400	£-91	£0	£0		£10,721	£11,283	£561
3902197	Bill Quay Primary School	209	207	-2.00	£9,118	£10,016	£898	£0	£0		£11,794	£13,959	£2,166
3902198	Falla Park Community Primary School	217	217	0.00	£75,153	£86,135	£10,982	£0	£0		£22,118	£22,690	£571
3902200	Brandling Primary School	114	122	8.00	£59,356	£74,488	£15,132	£0	£0		£14,792	£13,090	£-1,702
3902205	Lingey House Primary School	393	400	7.00	£28,125	£26,028	£-2,097	£0	£0		£37,691	£38,118	£427
3902213	THE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	181	182	1.00	£51,098	£55,582	£4,484	£0	£0		£12,728	£15,157	£2,430
3902214	White Mere Comm Primary School	143	134	-9.00	£2,313	£2,560	£247	£0	£0		£10,988	£11,333	£345
3902216	Clover Hill Primary School	210	208	-2.00	£736	£696	£-40	£0	£0		£9,221	£10,844	£1,623
3902219	Crookhill Primary	175	189	14.00	£1,472	£1,043	£-429	£0	£0		£10,600	£14,129	£3,528
3902221	Brighton Avenue Primary School	259	268	9.00	£66,589	£74,151	£7,562	£0	£0		£29,435	£27,403	£-2,032
3902222	Lobley Hill Primary School	382	383	1.00	£53,130	£46,090	£-7,039	£0	£0		£27,799	£25,835	£-1,964
3902224	Wardley Primary School	255	279	24.00	£11,863	£12,340	£477	£0	£0		£23,272	£28,153	£4,881
3902225	Glynwood Primary School	294	330	36.00	£54,988	£65,484	£10,496	£0	£0		£24,279	£27,288	£3,008
3902226	Barley Mow Primary School	194	186	-8.00	£42,591	£42,345	£-246	£0	£0		£13,588	£13,521	£-68
3902227	Windy Nook Primary School	296	289	-7.00	£34,234	£33,527	£-707	£0	£0		£19,884	£21,217	£1,334
3902228	Colegate Primary	212	180	-32.00	£35,537	£28,863	£-6,674	£0	£0		£14,354	£13,532	£-822
3902229	Roman Road Primary School	146	168	22.00	£37,582	£42,907	£5,325	£0	£0		£14,606	£15,995	£1,389
3902231	Fellside Primary School	206	209	3.00	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0		£8,465	£9,771	£1,306
3902232	Fell Dyke Primary School	277	282	5.00	£115,748	£142,842	£27,093	£0	£0		£31,214	£30,886	£-328
3902233	Caedmon Community Primary	200	207	7.00	£36,239	£41,261	£5,022	£0	£0		£25,359	£27,920	£2,561
3902234	Kells Lane Primary School	416	415	-1.00	£5,217	£3,834	£-1,382	£0	£0		£15,680	£14,451	£-1,229
3902235	Chopwell Primary	210	212	2.00	£36,063	£31,245	£-4,819	£0	£0		£25,283	£25,873	£590
3902236	Park Head Primary School	297	314	17.00	£15,139	£15,399	£261	£0	£0		£23,257	£28,080	£4,823
3902237	St Aidan's CofE Primary School	204	207	3.00	£62,127	£63,651	£1,525	£0	£0		£25,317	£24,067	£-1,250
3902238	Harlow Green Primary School	373	387	14.00	£58,773	£63,357	£4,584	£0	£0		£28,836	£31,839	£3,003
3902239	Rowlands Gill Primary School	312	291	-21.00	£29,783	£25,644	£-4,139	£0	£0		£20,701	£19,449	£-1,251
3903001	WHICKHAM PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL	212	212	0.00	£1,472	£1,747	£275	£0	£0		£8,697	£9,772	£1,075
3903313	Corpus Christi Catholic School	202	197	-5.00	£47,865	£56,031	£8,166	£0	£0		£17,133	£17,962	£829
3903317	St Joseph's R C Primary School	201	204	3.00	£37,272	£40,767	£3,495	£0	£0		£20,927	£21,033	£106
3903318	St.Oswalds RC (Aided) Primary	196	188	-8.00	£61,769	£67,785	£6,015	£0	£0		£11,895	£12,908	£1,013
3903319	St Peter's R C Primary School	210	211	1.00	£8,096	£8,132	£36	£0	£0		£14,299	£15,481	£1,182
3903322	St Anne's R C Primary School	136	126	-10.00	£26,127	£22,149	£-3,978	£0	£0		£10,804	£10,121	£-683
3903324	St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	107	114	7.00	£15,415	£15,355	£-60	£0	£0		£6,986	£9,306	£2,320
3903325	Birtley St.Joseph's Catholic Infant School	87	89	2.00	£11,062	£13,554	£2,492	£0	£0		£7,522	£5,843	£-1,678
3903326	St Agnes' R C Primary School	210	208	-2.00	£1,849	£1,747	£-102	£0	£0		£12,341	£13,275	£933
3903327	St Joseph's R C Sch Highfield	128	122	-6.00	£20,561	£18,934	£-1,627	£0	£0		£8,092	£7,695	£-396
3903328	St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas	207	213	6.00	£2,219	£1,458	£-760	£0	£0		£8,937	£10,169	£1,232
3903330	St Philip Neri R C Primary School	163	163	0.00	£20,704	£24,762	£4,058	£0	£0		£14,561	£12,280	£-2,280
3903331	ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL	211	213	2.00	£5,520	£6,260	£740	£0	£0		£16,526	£17,241	£715
3903333	St Mary's R.C. Primary School	210	209	-1.00	£4,067	£2,446	£-1,621	£0	£0		£12,221	£13,145	£924
3903335	St Alban's Catholic Primary School	216	217	1.00	£14,894	£12,765	£-2,129	£0	£0		£27,094	£27,368	£274
3903336	Felling St.Augustine's R.C.P	308	306	-2.00	£44,830	£45,007	£177	£0	£0		£27,223	£27,121	£-102
3903339	St Wilfrid's R C Primary School	110	114	4.00	£61,349	£61,873	£524	£0	£0		£11,360	£11,679	£319
3904036	Heworth Grange Comprehensive	983	1028	45.00	£0	£0	£0	£192,724	£230,501	£37,777	£114,853	£120,610	£5,757
3904041	Kingsmeadow Comprehensive School	581	589	8.00	£0	£0	£0	£91,103	£100,784	£9,681	£87,862	£89,653	£1,791
3902058	Kibblesworth Academy	148	149	1.00	£6,624	£4,066	£-2,558	£0	£0		£8,551	£7,573	£-979
3902220	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY	211	236	25.00	£13,458	£18,083	£4,625	£0	£0		£19,058	£22,045	£2,987
3903329	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	136	165	29.00	£3,049	£4,681	£1,632	£0	£0		£9,600	£12,444	£2,844
3904000	Thomas Hepburn Community Academy	537	486	-51.00	£0	£0	£0	£215,929	£224,187	£8,258	£87,929	£73,965	£-13,964
3904001	Thorp Academy	898	834	-64.00	£0	£0	£0	£54,138	£41,250	£-12,888	£95,711	£90,779	£-4,932
3904027	Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	1263	1243	-20.00	£0	£0	£0	£128,120	£124,011	£-4,108	£111,432	£108,445	£-2,987
3904029	WHICKHAM COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	1277	1298	21.00	£0	£0	£0	£58,786	£64,080	£5,294	£100,417	£99,365	£-1,052
3904043	Joseph Swan Academy	861	880	19.00	£0	£0	£0	£216,243	£237,647	£21,404	£117,090	£110,209	£-6,881
3904605	Cardinal Hume Catholic School	1102	1143	41.00	£0	£0	£0	£209,501	£232,958	£23,457	£104,806	£99,834	£-4,972
3904606	St Thomas More School	1181	1197	16.00	£0	£0	£0	£74,336	£67,376	£-6,961	£80,082	£84,917	£4,836

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## REPORT TO SCHOOLS FORUM

12 January 2017

### TITLE OF REPORT: Schools National Funding Formula – Stage 2 Consultation

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#### Purpose of the Report

1. To bring to Schools Forums attention the stage 2 consultation on the proposed schools national funding formula. This report builds on reports presented in March and April 2016.

#### Background

2. The Department for Education (DfE) launched a second stage consultation on 14 December 2016 for a mainstream schools national funding formula (NFF) and the creation of a central schools services block for local authorities. The consultation closes 22 March 2017.
3. This is a “stage two” consultation includes:-
  - The DfE’s overall approach to a NFF
  - The proposed detailed formula design
  - The implications for individual schools of the application of a NFF based on 2016/17 data
  - The timetable of implementation of the NFF for schools
  - The proposals for a central schools services block

#### The DfE’s Overall Approach

4. The DfE have confirmed that the following building blocks will be included in a NFF:-
  - Basic per pupil funding, which will be an age weighted pupil unit (AWPU)
  - Additional needs funding which will comprise of:-
    - Deprivation factors
    - Low prior attainment
    - English as an additional language (EAL)
    - Mobility
  - School led funding which will comprise of:-
    - Lump sum
    - Sparsity
    - Premises factors
      - Rates

- PFI
- Split sites
- Exceptional circumstances
- Growth
- Geographic funding – area cost adjustment

5. Gateshead does not currently use Sparsity (as none of our schools meet the criteria), split sites and exceptional circumstances.
6. Not included in the proposed formula is a factor for looked after children which forms part of Gateshead's current formula.
7. The starting point for the proposed values of the factors was the collective funding formulae used by LAs, and then looking at national averages allocated to each factor.
8. The below table provides an overall comparison of the nation distribution of funding for 2016/17 and the percentage allocations for Gateshead for 2016/17.

<b>Summary of Total LA and Gateshead Spend through Formula Factors 2016/17</b>							
<b>Factor</b>		<b>Total Weighting given by LA 2016/17</b>	<b>Total Weighting given by Gateshead 2016/17</b>	<b>Total Spent by LA 2016/17</b>		<b>Total Spent by Gateshead 2016/17</b>	
<b>Basic per pupil funding</b>		76.60%	72.32%	£24,369m		£76.95m	
<b>Deprivation</b>	<b>Current FSM</b>	7.60%	10.86%	£1,432m	£2,424m	£8.07m	£11.24m
	<b>Ever6 FSM</b>						
	<b>IDACI A</b>						
	<b>IDACI B</b>						
	<b>IDACI C</b>						
	<b>IDACI D</b>						
	<b>IDACI E</b>						
<b>IDACI F</b>	£992m	£3.17m					
<b>Low Prior Attainment</b>		4.30%	2%	£1,367m		£2.07m	
<b>English as an additional language</b>		0.90%	0.18%	£282m		£0.19m	
<b>Mobility</b>		0.10%	0.19%	£32m		£0.20m	
<b>Lump sum</b>		8.20%	8.66%	£2,610m		£8.97m	
<b>Sparsity</b>		0.05%	0.00%	£15m		£0	
<b>Premises</b>	<b>Rates</b>	1.80%	3.53%	£567m		£3.65m	
	<b>PFI</b>						
	<b>Split Sites</b>						
	<b>Exceptional circumstances</b>						
<b>Growth</b>		0.50%	0.09%	£174m		£0.10m	

9. Below is a summary of proposals for the DfE's overall approach:-

- Maintain the overall primary:secondary ratio of 1:1.29
- Maximise the proportion of funding allocated to pupil-led factors
- Increase the basic per pupil amount as pupil progress through the key stages
- Increase the total spend on additional needs
- Have a substantial deprivation factor, in addition to pupil premium
- Current FSM children will receive a higher rate of funding than those ever6FSM children to reflect the additional cost of providing a free meal.
- Increase the weighting for low prior attainment
- Increase the spend on EAL
- Protect LA spending on mobility until a more sophisticated indicator can be developed
- A lower than national average lump sum
- Support small and remote schools – sparsity factor
- Mobility factor to be funded on historic LA spend
- Fund rates on historic spend for at least 2018/19
- PFI factor on historic spend, but with inflation using a RPIX measure allocated at LA level
- Growth factor on an historic basis for LAs to allocate locally
- Introduction of an area cost adjustment (ACA) to recognise higher salary costs in London
- Funding floor so that no school can lose more than 3% per pupil from 2019/20
- No reception uplift after the full implementation of the formula (not used by Gateshead).
- Retain the ability to move funding between the central schools block, early years block and high needs block

10. During the transition to the new formula

- Minimum funding guarantee of minus 1.5% per pupil 2018/19
- Gains capped by 3% for 2018/19 and 2.5% for 2019/20
- Additional £200m of additional funding above flat cash for both 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Funding can be moved from the schools block to the high needs block with Schools Forum agreement for 2018/19.

11. Longer term proposals

- Review of IDACI data to ensure a smooth transition to the new data set expected 2020

- Possible changes to the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP)
- Changes to secondary low prior attainment – possible tiered approach to providing high amounts of funding for the lowest achieving pupils
- Review of EAL funding linked to new spring census and possibly targeted at children in the early stages of language acquisition rather than bilingual speakers.
- Improved mobility factor from 2019/20 to target the additional needs of these children and the additional administrative burdens
- Growth factor allocated on a lagged basis with LAs expected to manage the lagged funding, i.e. fund schools for in year growth and receive the funding from the DfE the following year.

<b>Factor values and weightings proposed in the new NFF</b>							
<b>Factor</b>		<b>Proposed Weighting for NFF</b>	<b>Proposed Total Spend (inc. ACA)</b>		<b>Per pupil/school factor values (excl. ACA)</b>		
					<b>Primary</b>		<b>Secondary</b>
<b>Basic per pupil funding</b>		72.50%	£23,255m		KS1 KS2	£2,712 KS3 £3,797 KS4 £4,312	
<b>Deprivation</b>	<b>Current FSM</b>	9.30%	£1,746m	£2,985m	£540		£785
	<b>Ever6 FSM</b>				£980		£1,255
	<b>IDACI A</b>		£1,239m		£575		£810
	<b>IDACI B</b>				£420		£600
	<b>IDACI C</b>				£360		£515
	<b>IDACI D</b>				£360		£515
	<b>IDACI E</b>				£240		£390
	<b>IDACI F</b>				£200		£290
<b>Low Prior Attainment</b>		7.50%	£2,394m		£1,050		£1,550
<b>English as an additional language</b>		1.20%	£388m		£515		£1,385
<b>Mobility</b>		0.10%	£23m		N/A		
<b>Lump sum</b>		7.10%	£2,263m		£110,000		£110,000
<b>Sparsity</b>		0.08%	£27m		£0 to £25,000		£0 to £65,000
<b>Premises</b>	<b>Rates</b>	1.80%	£569m	N/A			
	<b>PFI</b>						
	<b>Split Sites</b>						
	<b>Exceptional circumstances</b>						
<b>Growth</b>		0.05%	£167m		N/A		
<b>Area Cost Adjustment</b>			£792m		Already shown in total spend for each factor		

12. The DfE have provided illustrative allocations for all schools based on 2016/17 APT data and used the 2016/17 APT as a comparator. The proposed funding rates are not fixed and could be subject to change together with the changes in individual schools data. The illustrative allocations are attached at appendix 1.

### The Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

13. The DfE propose that LAs have 3 main roles in the provision of excellent education:-

- Ensuring every child has a school place
- Ensuring the needs of vulnerable pupils are met
- Acting as champions for all parents and families

14. It is proposed that the funding for this block is comprised of the following funding streams, the current centrally held schools block funding and the retained duties element of the Education Services Grant (ESG). It is proposed that this is distributed on a formulaic basis. The formula is based on two main factors on-going responsibilities and historical commitments.

15. It is proposed that the on-going commitments which relates to duties for all children within the LA be based on the mainstream pupil count, and a further allocation based on the number of ever6FSM pupils.

16. LA funding for historic commitments under the CSSB national funding formula will be allocated on the basis of their spend in the previous year.

17. The level of funding for historic commitments is expected to reduce over time as these commitments end. The EFA will monitor historic spend year-on-year and will challenge section 251 returns where funding is not reducing as expected.

18. Funding for historic commitments will be based on the lagged actual cost of the commitment, and will reduce as commitments cease. There will therefore be no protection for historic commitments in the CSSB.

19. It is proposed that the transition to the formula for ongoing responsibilities will be gradual; therefore it is proposed that reductions will be set at a maximum of minus 2.5% per pupil, and gains of up to 2.4% in 2018/19.

20. The table below shows the responsibilities that will be funded from the CSSB.

Allocation Route	Previously funded for centrally retained DSG	Previously funded from ESG
CSSB per pupil rate	School admissions Servicing of Schools Forum Fees to independent schools for pupils without SEN	Education welfare services Asset management Statutory and regulatory duties

CSSB historic commitments funding	Contribution to combined budgets Termination of employment costs Equal pay – back pay Capital expenditure from revenue Prudential borrowing costs Exceptions agreed by Secretary of State	
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21. The below is the link to the consultation page on the DfE website where all the relevant consultation information can be found.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

**Proposal**

22. Schools Forum notes the information in the report and a draft response will be brought to Schools Forum for consideration.

**Recommendations**

23. Schools Forum notes the contents of the report and the consultation documents attached to this report.

**For the following reasons:-**

To update Schools Forum on the contents of the Schools National Funding Formula – Stage 2 Consultation.

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# Appendix 1

	The school's baseline funding is the total core funding received through the schools block and MFG in 2016-17 (or 2016/17 if an academy). Other grants/funding sources are excluded.	These columns show illustrative NFF funding if the proposed formula had been implemented in full and without any transitional protections in 2016-17. We use pupil numbers and characteristics from 2016-17 to illustrate the NFF impact, and compare to the school's baseline funding, including MFG.		In the first year of transition towards the formula, LAs will continue to determine funding locally. This column illustrates the change in the amount the department would allocate to LAs in respect of each school, taking into account the maximum change proposed in NFF year 1 (gains of up to 3% and an MFG of -1.5% per pupil).	
School Name	Baseline funding	Illustrative NFF funding if formula implemented in full in 2016-17, without transitional protections		Illustrative NFF funding in the first year of transition	
	Funding the school received in 2016-17 or 2016/17	Illustrative total NFF funding	Percentage change compared to baseline	Illustrative NFF year 1 funding	Percentage change compared to baseline
	[a]	[b]	[c] = [b]/[a] - 1	[d]	[e] = [d]/[a] - 1
Carr Hill Community Primary School	£1,325,000	£1,382,000	4.3%	£1,362,000	2.7%
Kelvin Grove Community Primary School	£1,270,000	£1,359,000	7.0%	£1,303,000	2.6%
South Street Community Primary School	£1,254,000	£1,304,000	4.0%	£1,286,000	2.6%
Bede Community Primary School	£815,000	£839,000	2.9%	£835,000	2.5%
Oakfield Junior School	£851,000	£831,000	-2.3%	£840,000	-1.3%
Larkspur Community Primary School	£782,000	£807,000	3.2%	£801,000	2.5%
Oakfield Infant School	£674,000	£676,000	0.3%	£676,000	0.3%
Ravensworth Terrace Primary School	£835,000	£829,000	-0.7%	£829,000	-0.7%
Portobello Primary School	£764,000	£773,000	1.1%	£773,000	1.1%
Birtley East Community Primary School	£883,000	£910,000	3.0%	£910,000	3.0%
Dunston Hill Community Primary School	£1,596,000	£1,641,000	2.8%	£1,636,000	2.5%
Emmaville Primary School	£1,010,000	£1,000,000	-1.0%	£1,000,000	-1.0%
High Spen Primary School	£640,000	£638,000	-0.3%	£638,000	-0.3%
Swalwell Primary School	£857,000	£859,000	0.3%	£859,000	0.3%
Winlaton West Lane Community Primary School	£1,327,000	£1,351,000	1.8%	£1,351,000	1.8%
Greenside Primary School	£748,000	£729,000	-2.5%	£738,000	-1.3%
Blaydon West Primary School	£636,000	£621,000	-2.4%	£628,000	-1.2%
Front Street Community Primary School	£1,312,000	£1,361,000	3.8%	£1,347,000	2.7%
Highfield Community Primary School	£633,000	£622,000	-1.7%	£628,000	-0.8%
Ryton Community Infant School	£548,000	£542,000	-1.1%	£542,000	-1.1%
Ryton Junior School	£727,000	£714,000	-1.8%	£718,000	-1.2%
Washingwell Community Primary School	£663,000	£664,000	0.2%	£664,000	0.2%
Bill Quay Primary School	£785,000	£797,000	1.5%	£797,000	1.5%
Falla Park Community Primary School	£966,000	£1,006,000	4.1%	£991,000	2.6%
Brandling Primary School	£609,000	£622,000	2.2%	£622,000	2.2%
Lingey House Primary School	£1,480,000	£1,546,000	4.5%	£1,521,000	2.7%
The Drive Community Primary School	£792,000	£799,000	0.9%	£799,000	0.9%
White Mere Community Primary School	£573,000	£591,000	3.2%	£586,000	2.4%
Clover Hill Community Primary School	£756,000	£756,000	-0.1%	£756,000	-0.1%
Crookhill Community Primary School	£718,000	£713,000	-0.7%	£713,000	-0.7%
Brighton Avenue Primary School	£1,226,000	£1,214,000	-1.0%	£1,214,000	-1.0%
Lobley Hill Primary School	£1,461,000	£1,479,000	1.3%	£1,479,000	1.3%
Wardley Primary School	£980,000	£1,022,000	4.3%	£1,005,000	2.6%
Glynwood Community Primary School	£1,170,000	£1,190,000	1.7%	£1,190,000	1.7%
Barley Mow Primary School	£882,000	£874,000	-0.9%	£874,000	-0.9%
Windy Nook Primary School	£1,091,000	£1,107,000	1.4%	£1,107,000	1.4%
Colegate Community Primary School	£883,000	£904,000	2.3%	£904,000	2.3%
Roman Road Primary School	£693,000	£696,000	0.4%	£696,000	0.4%
Fellside Community Primary School	£734,000	£723,000	-1.4%	£724,000	-1.3%
Fell Dyke Community Primary School	£1,276,000	£1,338,000	4.8%	£1,310,000	2.7%
Caedmon Community Primary School	£879,000	£936,000	6.5%	£902,000	2.6%
Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School	£758,000	£748,000	-1.3%	£749,000	-1.3%
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School	£829,000	£860,000	3.7%	£850,000	2.6%
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£836,000	£854,000	2.1%	£854,000	2.1%
St Oswald's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£831,000	£832,000	0.1%	£832,000	0.1%
St Peter's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£759,000	£772,000	1.7%	£772,000	1.7%
St Anne's Catholic Primary School	£579,000	£591,000	2.1%	£591,000	2.1%
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School, Birtley	£471,000	£476,000	1.1%	£476,000	1.1%
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Birtley	£403,000	£413,000	2.2%	£412,000	2.2%
St Agnes' Catholic Primary School	£763,000	£756,000	-0.9%	£756,000	-0.9%
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£529,000	£533,000	0.8%	£533,000	0.8%
St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School	£741,000	£736,000	-0.8%	£736,000	-0.8%
St Philip Neri Roman Catholic Primary School	£654,000	£680,000	3.9%	£670,000	2.5%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blaydon	£783,000	£805,000	2.8%	£803,000	2.6%
St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School	£754,000	£764,000	1.3%	£764,000	1.3%
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	£822,000	£866,000	5.4%	£843,000	2.6%
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	£1,158,000	£1,208,000	4.3%	£1,189,000	2.7%
St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£586,000	£586,000	0.0%	£586,000	0.0%
Heworth Grange Comprehensive School	£5,130,000	£5,285,000	3.0%	£5,277,000	2.9%
Kingsmeadow Community Comprehensive School	£4,052,000	£4,140,000	2.2%	£4,140,000	2.2%
Harlow Green Community Primary School	£1,671,000	£1,702,000	1.8%	£1,702,000	1.8%
Rowlands Gill Community Primary School	£1,422,000	£1,433,000	0.8%	£1,433,000	0.8%
Kells Lane Primary School	£1,380,000	£1,349,000	-2.2%	£1,361,000	-1.4%
Chopwell Primary School	£888,000	£942,000	6.1%	£912,000	2.6%
Parkhead Community Primary School	£1,187,000	£1,196,000	0.8%	£1,196,000	0.8%
St Aidan's Church of England Primary School	£894,000	£930,000	4.0%	£917,000	2.6%
Whickham School	£5,803,000	£5,992,000	3.3%	£5,974,000	2.9%
St Thomas More Catholic School	£5,314,000	£5,426,000	2.1%	£5,426,000	2.1%
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	£5,305,000	£5,438,000	2.5%	£5,438,000	2.5%
Joseph Swan Academy	£4,506,000	£4,658,000	3.4%	£4,638,000	2.9%
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	£6,733,000	£6,870,000	2.0%	£6,870,000	2.0%
Kibblesworth Academy	£629,000	£614,000	-2.5%	£622,000	-1.2%
Riverside Primary Academy	£880,000	£907,000	3.0%	£903,000	2.6%
Thomas Hepburn Community Academy	£2,989,000	£3,036,000	1.6%	£3,036,000	1.6%
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	£551,000	£557,000	1.1%	£557,000	1.1%
Thorp Academy	£4,315,000	£4,417,000	2.4%	£4,417,000	2.4%

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**TITLE OF REPORT: National Audit Office (NAO) Report – Financial Sustainability of Schools**

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## **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to Schools Forum attention the report on financial sustainability of schools issued by the NAO 14 December 2016.

## **Background**

2. Below are extracts and abridged summaries from the NAO pod cast. Below is the link to the NAO page containing the report documents.

<https://www.nao.org.uk/report/financial-sustainability-in-schools/>

3. Funding for schools has been relatively protected compared with most areas of public spending. Following the 2015 Spending Review, schools are now entering a period of reduced real terms funding per pupil.
4. The Department of Education (DfE) is aiming to support schools to ensure that by 2020 schools have the skills, capabilities and tools to manage the pressures on their budgets without affecting their ability to deliver good quality educational outcomes. The report examines whether the DfE is actually well placed to do that. The NAO looked at:-
  - Challenges to schools financial sustainability and what those are
  - The DfE understanding of and support for schools financial sustainability
  - How the DfE actually identifies and addresses the risk of financial failure in schools should that occur
5. The report covers state funded primary and secondary schools in England and looked at the overall budget and cost pressures for all schools. They have then reviewed the financial sustainability and support for all mainstream schools, which excludes alternative provisions in special schools.
6. The following are the main points of the report:-
  - Overall School Budget is protected in real terms
  - Funding per pupil will not increase in line with inflation.
  - Mainstream schools will have to find savings of £3 billion or 8% of the Schools Budget in 2019/20
  - Savings have not been not clearly communicated to schools

- Some information to assist schools exists already, e.g. benchmarking and efficiency tools and access to framework contracts, but work is not complete to help schools secure procurement and workforce saving
- There is a risk that schools may already be making poor decisions on how to cope with the financial pressures
- The financial position of primary schools has been relatively stable
- Signs of financial challenges in secondary schools
- The proportion secondary schools who are spending more than their income has increased
- It is not known with certainty why schools are overspending or underspending to build up reserves, or how long this is sustainable
- The impact of a real terms reduction to funding per pupil will be affected by a new national funding formula that will be introduced in 2018/19
- The NAO concluded that using the DfE's financial assessment criteria, they should intervene earlier and more often and it has also not evaluated the impact of its different interventions

### **Recommendations of the NAO**

- The DfE should publish its assessment of financial challenges to be faced by schools over the next few years
- To keep this up to date so it's clear what schools should be preparing for
- To provide the leadership to support schools and stakeholders to be open to the opportunities to efficiencies, while being realistic about what can be achieved in terms of timescale and cost savings
- To move faster to set out how it actually envisages schools are going to achieve savings of £3 billion by 2019/20
- To work with schools to make sure the DfE can assure parliament that these cost savings can be achieved without adversely impacting educational outcomes
- In terms of the oversight arrangements and the Education Funding Agency (EFA), there are 2 things:
  - the forward looking, predictive tool that it is developing is going to be important to help the Agency spot financial risk in academies before they happen and to help those academies
  - to improve its record keeping to provide assurance that the interventions are taking place and to learn from what works.

### **Proposal**

7. That Schools Forum notes the contents of the report and that further information and details can be found at the link above.

### **Recommendations**

8. That Schools Forum notes the report and its contents and notes the continuing financial pressures that schools will face in the coming years.

**For the following reasons:**

To bring to Schools Forum attention the contents and the recommendations of the NAO on the financial sustainability of schools.

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