

Item 5**TITLE OF REPORT: Authority Proforma Tool**

Purpose of the Report

To request Schools Forum to approve the Draft Authority Proforma Tool (APT) containing Gateshead's draft school funding formula prior to uploading to the DfE.

Background

This report builds on the previous two reports re the outcome of the Education Funding Consultation and the de-delegation report.

The APT has been completed on the basis of the outcome of the consultation and the proposals in the de-delegation report.

The data within the APT will change when we receive the updated data set and APT in December 2015, and it will be necessary to change some of the funding rates or the capping factor depending on the actual schools block funding which will be notified to all Local Authorities mid-December 2015.

There is other information within the APT that needs to be completed at this time, which includes the Notional Special Educational Needs calculation, any adjustment factors, (number of places in mainstream support bases, rates and PFI funding), comments on any adjustment, commentary on local factors, (e.g. how the PFI factor is calculated).

The DfE also request that any areas that maintained schools and Schools Forum may want to de-delegate be included at an indicative level within the APT, with a note stating that these have not been agreed at Schools Forum and are for indicative purposes only.

Proposal

That Schools Forum approves the draft APT for submission to the DfE, and notes that funding rates and data will change when the updated APT is issued and Dedicated Schools Grant allocation is issued in December. Any de-delegated areas agreed by Schools Forum will be updated in the new APT that will be submitted in January 2016.

Recommendations

That Schools Forum approves the draft APT

For the following reason(s):

- To enable the draft APT to be uploaded to the DfE
- To adhere to DfE timelines and requirements

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