

TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream Schools Funding

Purpose of the Report

To bring to Schools Forum the proposed Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for submission of Gateshead Schools funding factors and values to the DfE for approval, to enable the calculation of mainstream schools individual school budgets for 2018/19.

Background

This report builds on reports to Schools Forum in November and December 2017 and item 5 of the 11 January 2018 forum agenda (the previous report).

Gateshead received its Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding settlement on 19 December 2017. Since receipt of the settlement, work has been undertaken to calculate individual mainstream school budgets.

The Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations for 2018 have not yet been issued, therefore as such the mainstream schools allocations have been calculated under the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2017, which came into force 16 February 2017, and the Schools Revenue Funding 2018/19 – Operational Guidance, updated in December 2017.

The schools block allocation of funding for 2018/19 is £108.909m which is calculated:

- Primary pupil numbers * Primary Unit of Funding (PUF) 15,000 x £4,036.39 = £60.546m
- Secondary pupil numbers * Secondary Unit of Funding (SUF) 8,742 x £5,023.26 = £43.913m
- Plus £4.450m for growth funding, premises and mobility factors

Therefore, the amount available to fund Gateshead mainstream schools in 2018/19 is £108.909m, an increase of £3.581m from 2017/18.

This amount of funding has been used to calculate Gateshead mainstream schools individual schools budgets using the APT based on the formula factors proposed.

A number of inputs and adjustments were made to the APT prior to modelling. These included:-

- Input of estimated rates charges for 2018/19 and adjustments for actual rates charges for 2017/18 in comparison to the amount funded for 2017/18. There have been some swings in rates charges due to revaluations of school premises and the proposed change in the business rates multiplier. New school buildings also opened during 2016 and 2017.

- For 2018/19, all schools including voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools will pay rates, as the rate relief has been reduced from 100% to 80% for these schools. Therefore an estimate of these charges has been included in the APT.
- The DfE issued the updated rates data for academies; however they have not yet provided any data for Riverside Primary Academy. A query has been raised with the DfE, but at the time of writing no answer had been received. Therefore the rates funding for Riverside Primary Academy will be funded at the 2017/18 level.
- The PFI factor was re-calculated to take into account the changes in pupil numbers and updated PFI charges for 2018/19.
- De-delegation has been input as agreed at December's Schools Forum, and if required, will be further updated with any additional decisions from January's Schools Forum.

The APT was received 15 December and contains an updated data set for the calculation of the mainstream school budgets, predominately based on the October 2017 census. The updated data set was checked against last year's APT data to review the changes in data. There were found to be no unexpected changes in data.

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, and a weighting of 58.05% for summer 2017 secondary prior attainment so that any financial turbulence caused by the change in performance data was minimised.

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, 4 and 5) assessed under the new framework.

Mobility factor funding received was £193k based on last year's APT, however the number of mobile pupils (those not starting in September or January for reception children) has fallen, therefore overall funding via this factor reduced to £154k.

Modelling

Due to an increase in pupil numbers, a different distribution of pupils between the primary and secondary phase, and the updated data set received from DfE, when the mainstream school budgets were calculated using the consulted and forum agreed factor values, minimum funding guarantee (MFG) and capping values, there was £260k surplus funding that had not been allocated via the formula. Therefore additional adjustments were made to the above criteria to ensure the surplus is allocated to school budgets and maximise the available funding.

The first adjustment in allocating the surplus of funding was to remove the funding cap. This resulted in an additional allocation to schools of £175k, which left £85k to be allocated.

The next adjustment made was to move fully to the National Funding Formula (NFF) rates for English as an Additional Language (EAL) for both primary and secondary pupils, and Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) for primary band D

and secondary band B. This adjustment allocated an additional £59k of the surplus to schools.

Following these adjustments, there was still just under £26k of surplus funding to allocate, therefore a final adjustment was made to increase key stage 3 (KS3) Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) by £4.88, as there was not enough funding to move fully to any other NFF rates. This allocated the majority of the remaining surplus, leaving unallocated funding of £28.23.

For the model, all validation flags within the APT are green, which means that all validation checks within the APT have been satisfied, indicating that the model complies with Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2017, and the required percentage allocations for Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) and pupil led factors have been satisfied.

A copy of the proposed proforma is shown in appendix 1, with a funding comparison between 2017/18 and the proposed funding for 2018/19 in appendix 2 together with changes in pupil numbers.

Proposal

That Schools Forum approves the allocation of additional resources through removal of the funding cap, to move to the NFF rates for EAL, primary IDACI D and secondary IDACI B, and to increase KS3 AWPU by £4.88 from the previously agreed level. That Schools Forum approves the values for the formula factors in the proforma in appendix 1, and notes the 2017/18 and proposed 2018/19 comparisons for post MFG budgets, and the pupil movements.

Recommendations

That Schools Forum approves:-

- The removal of the funding cap from schools gaining under the proposed formula
- Additional funding for EAL to move to the NFF value
- Additional funding for IDACI primary band D and Secondary band B to move further towards the NFF value
- A small amount of additional funding for KS3 AWPU
- The proposed APT as detailed in appendix 1

For the following reasons:-

- To enable Gateshead mainstream schools funding to be calculated
- To enable the proforma to be submitted to the DfE within timescale
- To move Gateshead's mainstream schools funding formula towards the NFF.

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Appendix 1

Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name:	Gateshead
LA Number:	390

Premises costs to exclude from allocation when calculating the minimum funding level	Mobility	Rates	PFI	Split Sites
	No	Yes	Yes	No
Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Middle school minimum per pupil funding level for secondary pupils		Secondary minimum per pupil funding level	
3300			4600	

Pupil Led Factors

Description	Reception uplift	No	Pupil Units		0.00	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)			
	Description	Amount per pupil	Pupil Units	Sub Total	Total			Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)	
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6)	£2,852.33	15,000.00	£42,784,950	£78,095,872	39.40%	5.00%				
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£3,829.98	5,451.00	£20,877,221		19.22%	5.00%				
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£4,385.81	3,291.00	£14,433,701		13.29%	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 (%)		
	FSM	£440.00	£440.00	2,743.00	1,541.00	£1,884,960	£13,053,789	12.02%	23.00%	19.00%	
FSM6	£746.67	£1,195.00	4,416.44	2,914.71	£6,780,701	23.00%		19.00%			
IDACI Band F	£133.33	£193.33	1,796.42	1,007.36	£434,279	0.00%		0.00%			
IDACI Band E	£160.00	£260.00	1,797.09	951.62	£534,954	0.00%		0.00%			
IDACI Band D	£360.00	£482.08	2,041.52	1,147.09	£1,287,938	0.00%		0.00%			
IDACI Band C	£397.50	£533.43	577.80	343.96	£413,155	0.00%		0.00%			
IDACI Band B	£461.00	£600.00	1,107.98	579.78	£858,646	23.00%		19.00%			
IDACI Band A	£726.67	£910.37	717.45	371.07	£859,157	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 17	£1,000.00		199.60	£199,600	£909,876	0.18%	0.00%			
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	EAL 3 Primary	£515.00		781.18	£402,310		0.51%	0.00%			
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,385.00		111.17		£153,966			0.00%	
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£2,000.00		77.00	£154,000		0.14%	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%	£563.33	28.01%	3,893.71	£3,478,342	3.20%	100.00%			
	Low Attainment % old FSP 73			15.45%							
	Secondary low attainment (year 7)	58.05%	£828.33	18.07%	1,551.19						
	Secondary low attainment (year 8)	48.02%		18.56%							
	Secondary low attainment (years 9 to 11)			17.33%							100.00%

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	£113,333.33	£130,000.00			£8,763,333	8.07%	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					£1,788,459	1.65%		0.00%	
12) PFI funding					£2,486,642	2.29%		0.00%	
13) Exceptional circumstances (can only be used with prior agreement of ESFA)									
Circumstance					Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY17-18					£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools					£0	0.00%		0.00%	
Additional funding under the minimum per pupil level of funding factor					£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%	
Exceptional Circumstance7					£0	0.00%		0.00%	

Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£27,257
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Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total) (£)	£108,603,569	100.00%	£9,577,460
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14) Minimum Funding Guarantee	0.50%	£305,181
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 (%)
£305,181		0.28%
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)		

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

Total Funding For Schools Block Formula	£108,908,751
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	71.91%
% Pupil Led Funding	87.97%
Primary: Secondary Ratio	1 : 1.29

Total funding for schools block formula contains funding from outside of the 2018-19 Schools Block allocation?	No
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Appendix 2

School Name	2017/18	New Formula	Change	Oct-17 NOR	Oct-16 NOR	Change
Total	£105,365,054	£108,908,751	£3,543,696	23742	23544	198
Carr Hill Community Primary School	£1,350,327	£1,386,211	£35,884	303	308	-5
Kelvin Grove Primary School	£1,277,789	£1,349,503	£71,714	300	292	8
South Street Primary School	£1,221,221	£1,224,903	£3,682	259	270	-11
Bede Community Primary School	£884,438	£982,357	£97,919	187	172	15
Oakfield Junior School	£866,618	£846,807	-£19,810	235	240	-5
LARKSPUR COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£790,680	£726,250	-£64,430	139	156	-17
Oakfield Infant School	£674,352	£670,409	-£3,943	180	180	0
Ravensworth Tce Primary School	£951,269	£1,070,800	£119,531	281	252	29
Portobello Primary School	£784,783	£770,232	-£14,551	202	209	-7
Birtley East Primary School	£918,301	£949,538	£31,237	213	212	1
Dunston Hill Community Primary	£1,586,401	£1,670,164	£83,764	391	389	2
Emmaville Primary School	£1,065,520	£1,175,840	£110,321	330	297	33
High Spen Primary School	£644,450	£707,093	£62,643	168	156	12
Swalwell Primary School	£802,604	£814,083	£11,479	169	175	-6
Winlaton West Lane Primary Sch	£1,253,196	£1,271,581	£18,384	340	339	1
Greenside Primary School	£747,484	£781,251	£33,767	183	174	9
Blaydon West Primary School	£627,454	£656,569	£29,115	139	132	7
Front Street Community Primary	£1,472,490	£1,520,047	£47,557	408	398	10
Highfield Primary School	£619,798	£633,432	£13,634	110	108	2
Ryton Community Infant School	£485,370	£452,148	-£33,222	104	115	-11
Ryton Community Junior School	£725,011	£665,008	-£60,003	172	190	-18
Washingwell Community Primary School	£652,795	£635,943	-£16,852	153	160	-7
Bill Quay Primary School	£788,563	£816,707	£28,145	213	207	6
Falla Park Community Primary School	£974,707	£1,037,363	£62,656	223	217	6
Brandling Primary School	£632,179	£765,001	£132,821	149	122	27
Lingey House Primary School	£1,563,016	£1,584,275	£21,259	398	400	-2
THE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£808,265	£823,376	£15,111	183	182	1
White Mere Comm Primary School	£544,744	£558,274	£13,530	137	134	3
Clover Hill Primary School	£751,451	£759,765	£8,314	207	208	-1
Crookhill Primary	£757,691	£759,985	£2,293	186	189	-3
Brighton Avenue Primary School	£1,266,185	£1,366,142	£99,957	291	268	23
Lobley Hill Primary School	£1,448,682	£1,487,078	£38,396	392	383	9
Wardley Primary School	£1,067,569	£1,091,619	£24,050	279	279	0
Glynwood Primary School	£1,301,540	£1,436,538	£134,998	362	330	32
Barley Mow Primary School	£825,975	£783,034	-£42,941	168	186	-18
Windy Nook Primary School	£1,066,808	£1,109,547	£42,739	293	289	4
Colegate Primary	£779,961	£734,388	-£45,573	166	180	-14
Roman Road Primary School	£855,483	£811,209	-£44,274	175	168	7
Fellside Primary School	£755,517	£755,503	-£14	209	209	0
Fell Dyke Primary School	£1,322,516	£1,309,413	-£13,103	276	282	-6
Caedmon Community Primary	£907,817	£925,580	£17,763	205	207	-2
Kells Lane Primary School	£1,371,348	£1,398,501	£27,154	418	415	3
Chopwell Primary	£915,654	£962,771	£47,117	215	212	3
Park Head Primary School	£1,234,765	£1,294,779	£60,014	327	314	13
St Aidan's CofE Primary School	£900,164	£916,575	£16,412	202	207	-5
Harlow Green Primary School	£1,689,939	£1,737,851	£47,912	387	387	0
Rowlands Gill Primary School	£1,306,160	£1,329,412	£23,251	277	291	-14
WHICKHAM PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCH	£761,589	£755,420	-£6,170	210	212	-2
Corpus Christi Catholic School	£821,233	£854,455	£33,222	200	197	3
St Joseph's R C Primary School	£836,258	£842,005	£5,747	198	204	-6
St.Oswalds RC (Aided) Primary	£806,388	£817,224	£10,836	188	188	0
St Peter's R C Primary School	£764,186	£766,500	£2,314	210	211	-1
St Annes Catholic Primary School	£540,065	£565,105	£25,041	127	126	1
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	£491,869	£506,538	£14,669	115	114	1
Birtley St.Joseph's Catholic Infant School	£411,086	£397,068	-£14,019	82	89	-7
St Agnes' R C Primary School	£752,962	£731,129	-£21,832	199	208	-9
St Joseph's R C Sch Highfield	£503,904	£477,139	-£26,765	112	122	-10
St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas	£757,940	£765,195	£7,255	213	213	0
St Philip Neri R C Primary Sch	£665,611	£748,221	£82,610	181	163	18
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL	£782,603	£791,172	£8,569	210	213	-3
St Mary's R.C. Primary School	£750,609	£744,805	-£5,804	205	209	-4
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	£814,188	£803,361	-£10,828	208	217	-9
Felling St.Augustine's R.C.P	£1,142,988	£1,178,168	£35,180	308	306	2
St Wilfrid's R C Primary Sch.	£595,608	£614,230	£18,622	117	114	3
Heworth Grange Comprehensive	£5,397,986	£5,616,934	£218,948	1022	1028	-6
Kingsmeadow Community Comprehensive School	£4,014,488	£4,587,933	£573,445	646	589	57
Kibblesworth Academy	£621,734	£682,642	£60,908	166	149	17
RIVERSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY	£961,393	£986,193	£24,800	239	236	3
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	£643,141	£788,899	£145,758	208	165	43
Thomas Hepburn Community Academy	£2,894,644	£2,582,155	-£312,490	413	486	-73
Thorp Academy	£3,952,299	£3,808,516	-£143,783	774	834	-60
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	£6,937,815	£7,220,398	£282,582	1263	1243	20
WHICKHAM COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	£5,878,316	£6,091,648	£213,331	1279	1298	-19
Joseph Swan Academy	£4,664,246	£5,040,121	£375,875	923	880	43
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	£5,549,879	£5,988,636	£438,756	1204	1143	61
St Thomas More School	£5,410,977	£5,642,087	£231,110	1218	1197	21