

TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream School Funding Review

Purpose of the Report

1. To bring to Schools Forum of the work that has been undertaken to review the mainstream school funding formula for 2022/23.

Background

2. Gateshead's Schools Forum usually has a subgroup to review the mainstream school formula. However, Gateshead's formula is so close to the national funding formula (NFF) it was thought that the formula review could be conducted within Schools Forum. Gateshead's formula currently only has two factors that are not at the NFF value, secondary FSM_{e6} and primary mobility.
3. Secondary FSM_{e6} 2021/22 actual formula value of £881 is only £16 per pupil higher than the NFF factor value of £865 for 2022/23. There is a larger difference for primary mobility of £275 per pupil as 2021/22 factor value is £1,200 per pupil and NFF for 2022/23 is £925.
4. The Department for Education consulted on the sparsity factor within the NFF earlier this year. This factor has never effected any Gateshead's schools and formula as no schools qualified for this factor. Data produced for the consultation to move from distance measuring from as the "crow files" to shortest road distance still does not see any of Gateshead's schools attract this funding.
5. The DfE provided an indicative DSG settlement in the summer based on October 2020 school census but the updated primary and secondary units of funding. This gave an estimated settlement of £127.6m and does not include any additional growth funding.
6. As per the usual process number of funding models were constructed.
 - Model 1 – reconstruction of 2021/22 formula and factor values minimum funding guarantee (MFG) set at 2%
 - Model 2 – inclusion of XP Gateshead – the only additional cost should be rates and lump sum as all the other factors funding is a re-distribution from other schools.
 - Model 3 – using new NFF factor values (but capping and scaling as per 2021/22)
 - Model 4 – capping and scaling removed – model could be affordable if there are no swings in data (e.g. increase in number of FSM children etc.)
 - Model 5 – Secondary FSM_{e6} difference to NFF factor value £16, halved and added to NFF value – factor value of £873. This distributed an additional

£23,729 via the factor value to secondary schools, but only £18,855 in actual funding due to the minimum per pupil allocation decreasing.

- Model 5a – primary mobility difference to the NFF value is £275, halved and added to the NFF factor value of £925 gives a factor value of £1,062.50. when modelled the higher factor value distributed £5,651 via the factor value, but the actual increase in funding would be £3,240 due to the minimum per pupil allocation decreasing. There is also some question over the primary mobility numbers for 2021/22 due to Covid-19 and the mobility numbers could increase for 2022/23

The Growth Fund is the subject of a later report.

Proposal

7. It is proposed that Schools Forum adapts the NFF factor values (appendix 1) for the 2022/23 mainstream school funding formula and if possible when the actual settlement and APT is received for 2022/23 any affordability issues be managed via capping and scaling in the first instance and MFG if that is still not affordable. The outcomes of this proposal and the comparator to 2021/22 actual funding is in appendix 2. If the proposal is agreed by Schools Forum, then a short consultation document with questions will be sent to all maintained schools and the response reported to Schools Forum in December 2021.

Recommendations

8. Schools Forum approves the proposal to adopt the NFF factor values and any affordability issues are managed through capping and scaling and MFG. Schools Forum agrees that a short consultation should be held with all mainstream schools on the proposed changes to the mainstream school funding formula.

For the following reasons: -

- To consult with all mainstream schools on the proposed changes to Gateshead's mainstream school funding formula.
- To enable Gateshead's mainstream schools funding to be calculated for 2022/23.

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Appendix 1

Factors

Unit Values

Basic per pupil Funding	Gateshead 2021/22	NFF 22/23	Difference
Primary AWPU	3123	3217	£94
KS3 AWPU	4404	4536	£132
KS4 AWPU	4963	5112	£149
Primary Minimum Per Pupil funding	4180	4265	£85
Secondary Minimum Per Pupil funding	5415	5525	£110
Primary FSM	460	470	£10
Secondary FSM	460	470	£10
			£0
Primary FSM6	575	590	£15
Secondary FSM6	881	865	-£16
Primary IDACI A	620	640	£20
Primary IDACI B	475	490	£15
Primary IDACI C	445	460	£15
Primary IDACI D	410	420	£10
Primary IDACI E	260	270	£10
Primary IDACI F	215	220	£5
Secondary IDACI A	865	890	£25
Secondary IDACI B	680	700	£20
Secondary IDACI C	630	650	£20
Secondary IDACI D	580	595	£15
Secondary IDACI E	415	425	£10
Secondary IDACI F	310	320	£10
Low Prior Attainment			
Primary LPA	1095	1130	£35
Secondary LPA	1660	1710	£50
English as an Additional Language			
Primary EAL	550	565	£15
Secondary EAL	1485	1530	£45
Primary Mobility	1200	925	-£275
Secondary Mobility	1290	1330	£40
Primary lump sum	117800	121300	£3,500
Secondary lump sum	117800	121300	£3,500

Appendix 2

School Name	21-22 MFG Adjustment	21-22 Post MFG Budget	22-23 MFG Adjustment	22-23 Post MFG Budget	Difference
	-£124,399	£123,908,465	£230,751.46	£128,058,656.89	£4,150,191.69
Barley Mow Primary School	£0.00	£774,363.76	£0.00	£796,518.68	£22,154.92
Bede Community Primary School	£16,331.51	£1,064,955.15	£5,525.85	£1,083,181.55	£18,226.41
Bill Quay Primary School	£10,209.62	£894,587.30	£0.00	£931,453.58	£36,866.28
Birtley East Community Primary School	£7,490.20	£946,000.51	£0.00	£965,913.01	£19,912.50
Blaydon West Primary School	£54,630.85	£854,822.79	£45,635.76	£869,265.09	£14,442.31
Brandling Primary School	£29,617.60	£965,256.70	£18,938.64	£981,889.93	£16,633.24
Brighton Avenue Primary School	£43,591.02	£1,471,625.41	£28,514.92	£1,497,913.87	£26,288.46
Caedmon Community Primary School	£0.00	£1,087,195.79	£0.00	£1,118,762.28	£31,566.49
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	£51,254.35	£7,152,514.66	£0.00	£7,404,049.28	£251,534.62
Carr Hill Community Primary School	£12,412.58	£1,568,694.03	£0.00	£1,627,286.49	£58,592.45
Chopwell Primary School	£0.00	£931,769.89	£0.00	£958,763.97	£26,994.08
Clover Hill Community Primary School	£0.00	£866,409.00	£0.00	£883,749.00	£17,340.00
Colegate Community Primary School	-£6,370.66	£736,972.70	£0.00	£765,022.55	£28,049.85
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School	-£1,742.42	£926,769.49	£0.00	£956,186.38	£29,416.89
Crookhill Community Primary School	-£8,777.80	£877,249.86	£0.00	£912,069.89	£34,820.03
Dunston Hill Community Primary School	£2,232.96	£1,870,353.19	£0.00	£1,916,623.34	£46,270.16
Emmaville Primary School	£0.00	£1,639,204.75	£0.00	£1,672,184.75	£32,980.00
Falla Park Community Primary School	£18,917.32	£1,027,410.67	£0.00	£1,076,345.51	£48,934.84
Fell Dyke Community Primary School	£0.00	£1,328,469.88	£0.00	£1,366,707.49	£38,237.61
Fellside Community Primary School	£0.00	£898,460.25	£0.00	£916,310.25	£17,850.00
Front Street Community Primary School	£0.00	£1,681,440.00	£0.00	£1,714,675.00	£33,235.00
Glynwood Community Primary School	£0.00	£1,777,079.75	£0.00	£1,829,554.52	£52,474.77
Grace College	£0.00	£6,880,889.14	£0.00	£7,060,144.43	£179,255.29
Greenside Primary School	£52,816.01	£833,151.08	£43,871.86	£847,068.69	£13,917.61
Harlow Green Community Primary School	£27,553.89	£1,883,379.54	£0.00	£1,959,470.96	£76,091.42
Heworth Grange School	£98,573.02	£6,560,189.09	£0.00	£6,833,804.51	£273,615.42
High Spenn Primary School	-£412.11	£785,261.09	£0.00	£808,824.54	£23,563.44
Highfield Community Primary School	£7,204.09	£704,825.47	£1,104.69	£716,125.87	£11,300.40
Kells Lane Primary School	£0.00	£1,763,976.50	£0.00	£1,799,336.50	£35,360.00
Kelvin Grove Community Primary School	£15,005.87	£1,523,850.65	£1,344.44	£1,551,199.67	£27,349.01
Kibblesworth Academy	-£9,674.88	£692,349.53	£0.00	£722,767.03	£30,417.51
Kingsmeadow Community Comprehensive School	£81,391.60	£6,226,951.55	£61,992.22	£6,345,423.00	£118,471.45
Larkspur Community Primary School	-£2,344.73	£740,579.96	£0.00	£761,163.37	£20,583.41
Lingey House Primary School	£0.00	£1,761,635.11	£0.00	£1,812,905.73	£51,270.62
Lobley Hill Primary School	£0.00	£1,554,676.40	£0.00	£1,599,983.97	£45,307.57
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	£52,255.02	£8,219,069.05	£0.00	£8,467,992.44	£248,923.39
Oakfield Infant School	£0.00	£713,020.91	£0.00	£727,432.37	£14,411.46
Oakfield Junior School	£0.00	£1,003,349.12	£0.00	£1,023,409.12	£20,060.00
Parkhead Community Primary School	£15,252.01	£1,289,741.15	£0.00	£1,342,600.51	£52,859.36
Portobello Primary School	£3,072.14	£830,087.22	£0.00	£851,430.16	£21,342.94

Ravensw orth Terrace Primary School	£0.00	£1,491,500.00	£0.00	£1,520,825.00	£29,325.00
Riverside Primary Academy	£16,693.19	£1,260,847.76	£3,526.55	£1,283,544.47	£22,696.71
Roman Road Primary School	£8,705.02	£995,935.67	£0.00	£1,014,743.70	£18,808.03
Row lands Gill Community Primary School	-	£1,166,731.06	£0.00	£1,217,423.45	£50,692.39
Ryton Community Infant School	£15,087.57	£462,927.68	£0.00	£491,888.25	£28,960.57
Ryton Junior School	-	£650,307.81	£0.00	£682,186.16	£31,878.36
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	£0.00	£1,017,882.00	£0.00	£1,038,537.00	£20,655.00
South Street Community Primary School	-	£1,137,171.99	£0.00	£1,182,131.48	£44,959.49
St Agnes' Catholic Primary School	£0.00	£838,822.02	£0.00	£855,822.02	£17,000.00
St Aidan's Church of England Primary School	£18,253.96	£992,198.76	£6,735.58	£1,009,538.32	£17,339.56
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	-	£843,251.02	£0.00	£897,287.05	£54,036.03
St Anne's Catholic Primary School	£4,137.44	£662,864.34	£0.00	£678,299.55	£15,435.22
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	£0.00	£1,309,939.01	£0.00	£1,349,130.82	£39,191.81
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Birtley	-£7,068.65	£438,427.71	£0.00	£458,778.74	£20,351.03
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School, Birtley	-	£532,198.48	£0.00	£558,429.09	£26,230.61
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blaydon	-£9,488.73	£904,519.55	£0.00	£941,177.09	£36,657.54
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Gateshead	-£2,281.08	£895,732.31	£0.00	£924,706.84	£28,974.53
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Highfield	£2,305.82	£498,507.65	£0.00	£512,063.48	£13,555.83
St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School	£0.00	£890,218.17	£0.00	£908,238.17	£18,020.00
St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School	£0.00	£855,587.21	£0.00	£872,927.21	£17,340.00
St Oswald's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	-£815.82	£948,367.46	£0.00	£977,369.11	£29,001.65
St Peter's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£0.00	£871,618.44	£0.00	£889,298.44	£17,680.00
St Philip Neri Roman Catholic Primary School	-£131.74	£827,657.21	£0.00	£852,516.13	£24,858.92
St Thomas More Catholic School	£0.00	£6,652,410.00	£0.00	£6,786,830.00	£134,420.00
St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	£21,395.78	£634,657.32	£13,560.94	£644,831.38	£10,174.07
Sw alwell Primary School	£7,550.57	£710,636.07	£0.00	£723,380.52	£12,744.44
The Drive Community Primary School	-£7,439.74	£928,498.51	£0.00	£963,438.87	£34,940.36
Thorp Academy	-	£5,678,002.90	£0.00	£5,886,072.92	£208,070.02
Wardley Primary School	£23,745.52	£1,149,966.23	£0.00	£1,208,034.87	£58,068.64
Washingw ell Community Primary School	£0.00	£626,291.80	£0.00	£643,828.51	£17,536.72
Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School	£0.00	£877,177.25	£0.00	£894,687.25	£17,510.00
Whickham School	£0.00	£7,386,066.92	£0.00	£7,591,233.03	£205,166.10
White Mere Community Primary School	-£6,974.98	£644,295.31	£0.00	£670,358.55	£26,063.24
Windy Nook Primary School	-£4,506.43	£1,267,530.19	£0.00	£1,309,801.52	£42,271.33
Winlton West Lane Community Primary School	£16,206.92	£1,551,131.34	£0.00	£1,579,759.02	£28,627.68
XP Gateshead	-	£0.00	£0.00	£564,029.58	£564,029.58