

**10 February 2022****TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream School Funding**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Schools Forum on the amendments required by the Department for Education (DfE) and for the re-submission of the Authority Proforma Tool (APT).

**Background**

2. This report builds on the January Schools Forum report on mainstream school funding. Following Schools Forum approval and the presentation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) settlement and Mainstream Schools Formula to Children's and Young Peoples Portfolio holders, Gateshead's APT was uploaded to the DfE for compliance checking.
3. The DfE identified a number of areas for review. Two of the three issues were errors where a yes had been put in a box that should have been no however, the third issue related to the new process for Rates.
4. The DfE require local authorities to use last year's Rates as per 2021/22 APT to be used to calculate 2022/23 school budgets. This was done together with inputting the estimated Rates for XP Gateshead and the Rates adjustments to account for the over or under funding of school Rates for 2021/22. The resulting figure was then used in the calculate the residual funding.
5. The DfE error stated that this was the incorrect methodology and the 2021/22 rates as notified by the DfE should be used for this calculation. This resulted in a small overspend of the total school block DSG of £386.38.

**Proposal**

6. It is proposed that in order to rectify this issue and balance the Schools Block of the DSG in the APT that the £40,000 allocated to the central Growth Fund be reduced by £386.38 and now be £39,613.62 as per the updated proforma in appendix 1.

**Recommendations**

7. It is recommended that Schools Forum approves the change in the central Growth Fund to eliminate the schools block overspend of the DSG which eliminates the need to alter any funding allocations to schools.

**For the following reasons:**

- To comply with the Schools Operational Guidance and other DfE documents

- To enable the APT to be approved by the DfE so that funding allocations can be issued to mainstream schools within timescales.

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Appendix 1

Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name:	Gateshead
LA Number:	390

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level	Disapplication number where alternative MPPF values are used
£4,265	£5,321.00	£5,831.00	£5,525.00	

Pupil Led Factors

1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Reception uplift	No	Pupil Units		0.00						
	Description	Amount per pupil		Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)		Notional SEN (%)	
	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,217.00		14,587.00		£46,926,379	£91,336,201	36.63%		5.00%	
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,536.00		5,749.16		£26,078,190		20.35%		5.00%	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,112.00		3,586.00		£18,331,632		14.31%		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	FSM	£470.00	£470.00	4,126.00	2,490.00	£3,109,519	£14,047,331	10.96%		23.00%	19.00%
	FSM6	£590.00	£865.00	4,345.00	2,983.75	£5,144,492				23.00%	19.00%
	IDACI Band F	£220.00	£320.00	1,655.25	1,089.59	£712,822				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band E	£270.00	£425.00	2,679.33	1,622.94	£1,413,167				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band D	£420.00	£595.00	1,247.90	787.24	£992,526				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band C	£460.00	£650.00	876.97	595.89	£790,735				0.00%	0.00%
	IDACI Band B	£490.00	£700.00	927.96	573.10	£855,869				23.00%	19.00%
	IDACI Band A	£640.00	£890.00	879.31	522.97	£1,028,200				23.00%	19.00%
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	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 (%)
	LAC March 19			223.88		£0		0.00%		0.00%	
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	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 (%)
	EAL 3 Primary	£565.00		902.66		£510,001	£813,948	0.55%		0.00%	
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,530.00		124.23	£190,075				0.00%	0.00%
5) Mobility	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 (%)
	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£925.00	£1,330.00	123.10	0.00	£113,871		0.09%		0.00%	0.00%
6) Low prior attainment	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	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 (%)
	Primary low prior attainment		£1,130.00	27.60%	4,025.30	£4,548,592	£7,641,183	5.96%		100.00%	
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	64.53%		20.76%							
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	64.53%		20.32%							
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	64.53%	£1,710.00	20.74%	1,808.53	£3,092,591					
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	63.59%		17.99%							
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	58.05%		16.81%							

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	£121,300.00	£121,300.00			£9,218,800	7.20%	0.00%	0.00%	
8) Sparsity factor	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Rows 46 to 49 are populated with the NFF methodology, please leave this as is if you wish to follow the NFF. As per the Operational Guidance, the distance thresholds can be increased or the year group size thresholds decreased and the distance threshold taper is optional. An alternative method of allocation to the NFF's average year group size taper can be chosen: the continuous taper (Tapered) or fixed sum (Fixed). Examples of each are provided in the Operational Guidance.									
Primary distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Primary pupil number average year group threshold	21.40	Apply primary distance taper	No	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity primary lump sum?	NFF		
Secondary distance threshold (miles)	3.00	Secondary pupil number average year group threshold	120.00	Apply secondary distance taper	No	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity secondary lump sum?	NFF		
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Middle school pupil number average year group threshold	69.20	Apply middle school distance taper	No	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity middle school lump sum?	NFF		
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	All-through pupil number average year group threshold	62.50	Apply all-through distance taper	No	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity all-through lump sum?	NFF		
9) Fringe Payments					£0	0.00%			
10) Split Sites					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
11) Rates					£1,652,973	1.29%	0.00%		
12) PFI funding					£2,639,282	2.06%	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 FY21-22					£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%		
Exceptional Circumstance7					£0	0.00%	0.00%		

<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£127,349,717</b>	<b>99.39%</b>	
14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£775,644	0.61%	0.00%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£128,125,361</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

15) Minimum Funding Guarantee	1.31%	£415,649	
Where a value less than 0.5% or greater than 2% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value			
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)		£415,649	0.32%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula</b>		<b>£128,541,010</b>	<b>£14,355,037</b>
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)			
Additional funding from the high needs budget		£0.00	
Growth fund (if applicable)		£39,613.62	
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)		£0.00	
Other Adjustment to 21-22 Budget Shares			
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)</b>		<b>£128,580,624</b>	
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement			
71.29%			
% Pupil Led Funding			
88.85%			
Primary: Secondary Ratio			
1 : 1.28			

22-23 NFF NNDR allocation	£1,671,652	
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 22-23 NFF NNDR allocation</b>	<b>£126,908,972</b>	