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**TITLE OF REPORT: Special School Funding Review**

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**Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to bring to Schools Forum information on the current Special Schools Funding Review.

**Background**

The Special Schools Formula is undergoing a review of the weightings between each specialism following the completion of one full year under the amended formula. The weighting amendments implemented in 2015/16 moved funding from ASD to SEMH which has resulted in large funding swings for some schools, especially Hill Top Special School.

There is also the probability of a National Funding Formula (NNF) for the High Needs Block from 2017/18, however second stage consultation documents with more detailed proposals are expected before the summer break. The outcome of the second stage consultation and the impact on the funding available from the High Needs Block of the DSG are not yet known.

**Process**

The pupil related top ups for special schools was based on how much relative resources each child in each the banding required to meet their needs.

Initial proposals include:-

- Reduce all top up rates by -1.5%
- This will then release some funding re re-allocate
- Look at the differences between the bandings
- Ensure that no school loses more than -1.5% of their overall budget.

The outcome of this work will be discussed on the 11<sup>th</sup> July with all Special Heads.

**Proposal**

It is proposed that Schools Forum notes the report and the work that is being undertaken to review the Special Schools Funding Formula.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that School Forum notes the contents of the report.

**For the following reasons:**

- To inform Schools Forum of the current funding review.