

TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream School Funding Review

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Schools Forum from the Mainstream Schools School Forum sub group.

Background

2. The sub group formed during September's Schools Forum met for the first time on 5 October.
3. The group was presented with a proposed agenda, Item 7 from September's Schools Forum, and some information on movements of the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices IDACI bandings from October 2015 to January 2016, to the data in the test Authority Proforma Tool APT model which contains the updated IDACI bandings.
4. The group discussed several areas and agreed that at the next meeting the data behind Item 7 will be reviewed by the group, together with historical data and trends for deprivation and prior attainment.
5. It was reported that should there be a further increase in pupil numbers between October 2015 to October 2016 school census, this may provide a small amount of additional funding if no factor values are changed. Further work will be undertaken to try and determine if there is headroom before the next meeting which is scheduled for 2 October 2016.
6. The group acknowledged the very tight timescale for work to be undertaken in order to be able to take proposals to Schools Forum in December.

Proposal

7. That schools notes the contents of the report and that updates on the work programme and proposals will be brought to Schools Forum.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes the contents of the report.

For the following reasons:

- To ensure that Schools Forum is informed of progress of the groups
- To ensure that Schools Forum is consulted on funding decisions

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