

**Item 4****TITLE OF REPORT: Special Schools Funding Review**

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**Purpose of the Report**

To update Schools Forum on the work that the Special Schools Funding Review (SSFR) group have been undertaking this financial year. This is a sub-group of Schools Forum with the specific purpose to review the special schools funding formula. This report builds on Schools Forum report from December 2018.

**Background**

The group comprises of all special head teachers and heads of school with input and technical support from a range of officers from Financial Management, Educationgateshead and other officers as required.

A new pupil related formula was introduced from April 2019; however, the fixed cost element of the formula was still based on historic information some of which had not changes in over 10 years.

The group have had many meetings and several formula's and a number of alternatives have been produced. The group discussed the different formula's before agreeing on the below proposal.

- Lumps Sum - £150,000
- Therapies - £40,000
- Therapies weighted by pupil number/group size £11,875 times group size
  - Group 1 below 60 pupils
  - Group 2 60 to 100 pupils
  - Group 3 101 to 150 pupils
  - Group 4 over 150 pupils
- Outreach lump sum £10,000
- Outreach per free school meal ever 6 (FSMe6) £678
- Lump Sum very small school group 3 school £130,000
- Lump Sum small school group 4 school £75,000
- Transport lump sum £20,000
- Transport variable £1,905 per pupil
- Pool Lump sum £20,000
- Split Site Lump Sum £60,000

Appendix 1 shows the outcome for the new formula per school and the change in funding.

## **Proposal**

It is proposed that Schools forum notes the contents of the report and the work that the SSFR group have undertaken in reviewing the special schools funding formula and approves the new fixed cost formula to be used for special school budgets for 2020/21.

## **Recommendations**

That Schools Forum approves the new formula factors for use in calculating 2020/21 special school budgets.

For the following reasons: -

- To enable Special School budgets to be calculated
- To keep Schools Forum informed of the work of the group

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## Appendix 1

	Group Size	Salary Range		Pupil No May 19	Lump Sum	Therapies	Weighted by Pupil No Group Size	Therapies Pupil No. tier approach	FSMe6 Jan 19 Census	Outreach lump sum	Out Reach Per FSMe6	Small School	Lump Sum Mini Bus	Variable	Pool	Split Site	Old Fixed Costs	New Fixed Costs	Increase/- Decrease in Funding	
DRYDEN	3	11 to 24	24	43	£150,000	£40,000	1	£11,875	15	£10,000	£10,165	£130,000	£20,000	£45,717	£20,000		£425,636	£437,757	£12,121	
ESLINGTON	3	11 to 24	24	66	£150,000	£40,000	2	£23,750	32	£10,000	£21,685	£130,000	£20,000	£45,717		£60,000	£367,835	£501,152	£133,317	
FURROWFIELD	4	14 to 27	27	68	£150,000	£40,000	2	£23,750	43	£10,000	£29,139	£75,000	£20,000	£51,432			£524,167	£399,321	-£124,846	
GIBSIDE	5	18 to 31	31	163	£150,000	£40,000	4	£47,500	63	£10,000	£42,692		£20,000	£59,051	£20,000	£60,000	£407,744	£449,244	£41,499	
HILLTOP	4	14 to 27	27	123	£150,000	£40,000	3	£35,625	51	£10,000	£34,560	£75,000	£20,000	£51,432			£477,309	£416,617	-£60,692	
THE CEDARS	5	18 to 31	31	183	£150,000	£40,000	4	£47,500	69	£10,000	£46,758		£20,000	£59,051	£20,000	£60,000	£456,337	£453,309	-£3,028	
					£900,000	£240,000		£190,000	273	£60,000	£185,000	£410,000	£120,000	£312,400	£60,000	£180,000	£2,659,028	£2,657,400	-£1,628	
			164	16	£900,000		16	£190,000	273	£185,000				£312,400						
					£150,000			£11,875		£678				£1,905						