

## Agenda Item



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### Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Report Title: Schools Block Funding Model Strategy for 2022-23

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##### Purpose:

1. To provide the results of the 2022-23 Haringey primary and secondary schools DSG funding formula consultation and recommendations.

##### Recommendations:

- 1) To note the results of the 2022-23 Haringey primary and secondary schools DSG funding formula consultation.
- 2) For Schools Forum to decide on the preferred 2022-23 DSG funding formula model, with recommendations listed in section two of the report.

## **1 Introduction.**

The DSG is currently divided into four notional blocks:

- Schools Block
- High Needs Block
- Early Years Block
- Central School Services Block.

The policy document which sets out the background and principles of the new National Funding Formula for schools can be found at: [Pre-16 schools funding: local authority guidance for 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/84444/pre-16_schools_funding_local_authority_guidance_for_2022_to_2023.pdf)

- 1.1 The basic structure of the schools National Funding Formula (NFF) is not changing in 2022-23. There are a small number of changes in existing factors of the formula in 2022-23.
- 1.2 The business rates payment system for schools will be centralised and ESFA will pay billing authorities directly on behalf of state funded schools from 2022-23 onwards. This reduces the administration for schools and schools will see no difference in funding in this respect.

### **Key features to the local funding formulae**

- Local authorities will continue to set a minimum funding guarantee in local formulae, which in 2022-23 must be between +0.5% and +2%.
  - Local authorities will again be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their total school's block allocations to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with school's forum approval. A disapplication will continue to be required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without school's forum approval.
  - The DfE will continue to confirm Local Authorities allocations, with the Schools Block calculated using factor values and the October 2021 census data
  - The first-year lump sum for amalgamated schools, through Schools Forum approval, can be agreed locally. For a second-year lump sum, Secretary of State approval is required through a disapplication request, with prior approval from Schools Forum.
- 1.3 The DfE have not committed to future arrangements regarding changes to the NFF, however there is an expectation that a 'hard' NFF will be introduced from 2023-24 onwards resulting in local formula no longer being applied.

## **2 School Funding Formula 2022-23**

- 2.1 Following a decision by Schools Forum on 21st October 2021, the model options for the 2022-23 DSG funding formula consultation with all schools was delegated to the Schools Block Working Group (SBWG). Four models were selected for consultation along with all options outlined in recommendations 2.2c) – 2.2g) below.

2.2 A summary of the proposed four funding models is outlined below:

Model 1: No change in DSG formula

Model 1A: No Change in DSG formula factors

Model 1B: No Change in DSG formula factors + HNB transfer of 0.25%

Model 2: Change in AWPU by 10%

Model 2A: Change in AWPU by 10%

Model 2B: Change in AWPU by 10% with HNB transfer of 0.25%

Proposed allocations applicable to all models

Allocation Type	Schools affected	Description	Proposed amount
Top slice	All schools	Growth Funding	£ 1,100,000
Top slice	All schools	Education Welfare	£ 122,000
Block Transfer	All schools	Nursery Split Site Funding	£ 60,000
Dedelegation	Maintained Schools	De-Delegated - Trade Union Facility	£ 165,000
Top slice	All schools	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Lump Sum	£ 68,000

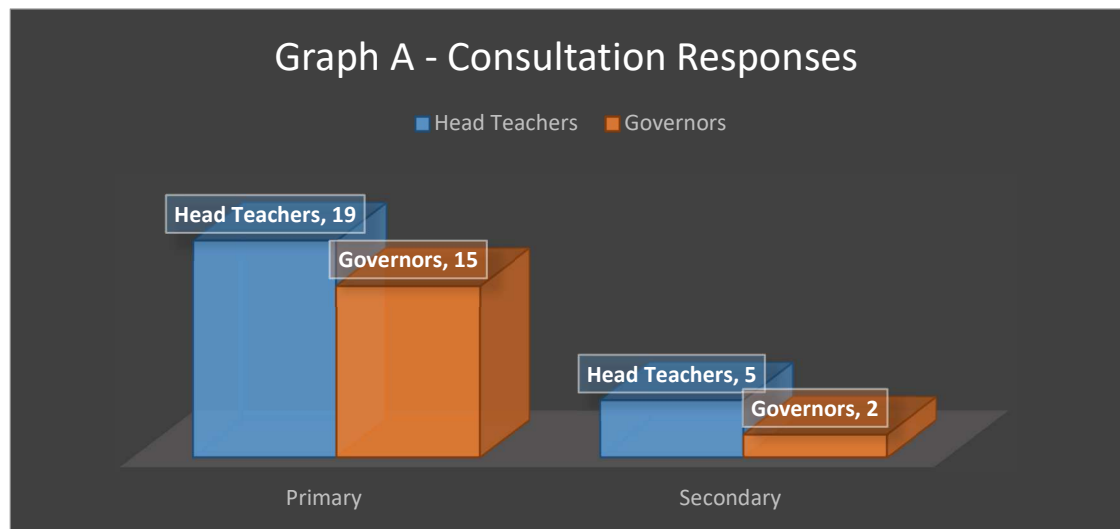
2.3 The SBWG have reviewed the consultation responses and recommend the following for school's forum approval:

- a) To adopt **Model 2B** with a 10% increase in AWPU for Primary schools; and
- b) Transfer 0.25% of the Schools Block allocation (£525,732) from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block
- c) The Growth fund to be set at £1.1m
- d) The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) remains between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil and is set at +1.58%.
- e) Block transfer of £122k from the Schools Block to the Central Block for Education Welfare Services
- f) Provide £60K funding to a Haringey Primary school with a Nursery School on a split site
- g) De-delegation of £165K for Trade Union Representation (for maintained schools only)
- h) Agree a second year lumpsum payment of £68k to Tiverton Primary school (subject to Secretary of State approval via disapplication request)

### 3 Consultation Response

- 3.1 Schools in Haringey were consulted on the proposed changes for 2022-23 to the Council's Schools Funding Formula.

The consultation started on 29th November 2021, with a deadline of 10th December 2021 for responses from Head teachers and Chairs of Governors. Graph A summaries who responded to the consultation



- 3.2 See Appendix A for further analysis of the consultation responses

### 4 Next Steps

- 4.1 Following Schools Forum's decision on the recommendations, a Cabinet Member report "Haringey Council's Local Schools Funding Formula for 2022-23" will be signed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the set budgets communicated to the DfE on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
- 4.2 Once the budgets have been agreed and communicated to the DfE Schools will be informed of their funding allocations via the Authority Planning Tool (APT).
- 4.3 Haringey Council will ensure that all procedures are in place to meet the requirement to publish maintained school budgets by 28th February 2022 in line with guidance set by the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021.

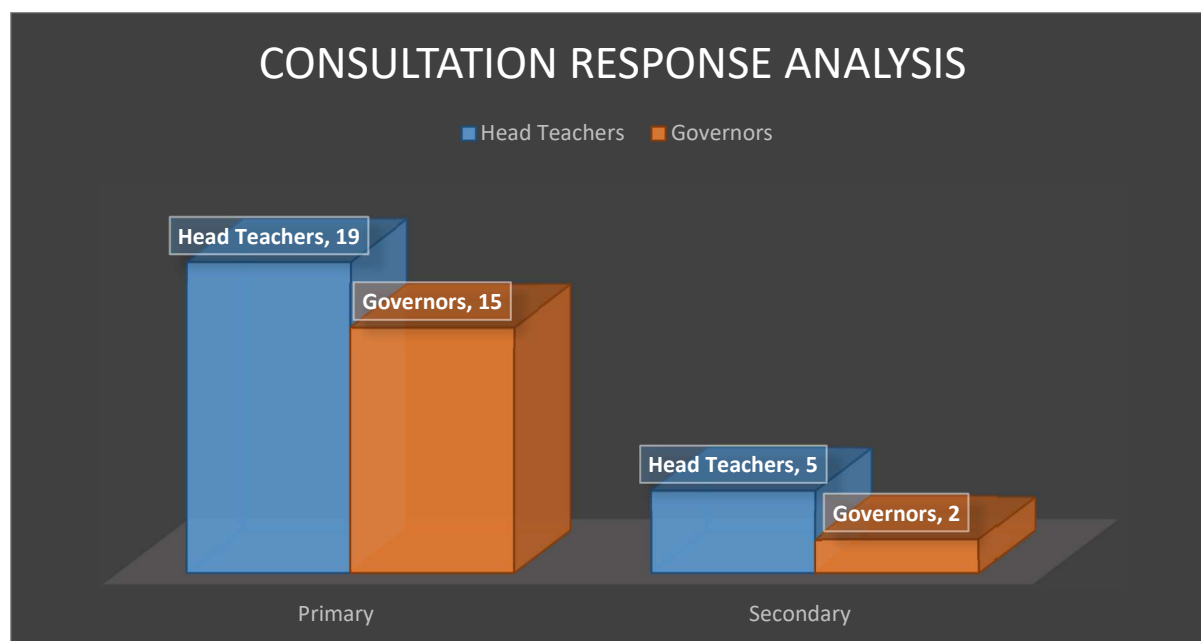
## Appendix A

### Haringey Schools Consultation Authority Proforma Tool (APT) Survey

#### Results.

The indicative results for the schools' consultation for the 6 questions to support the APT modelling are detailed below.

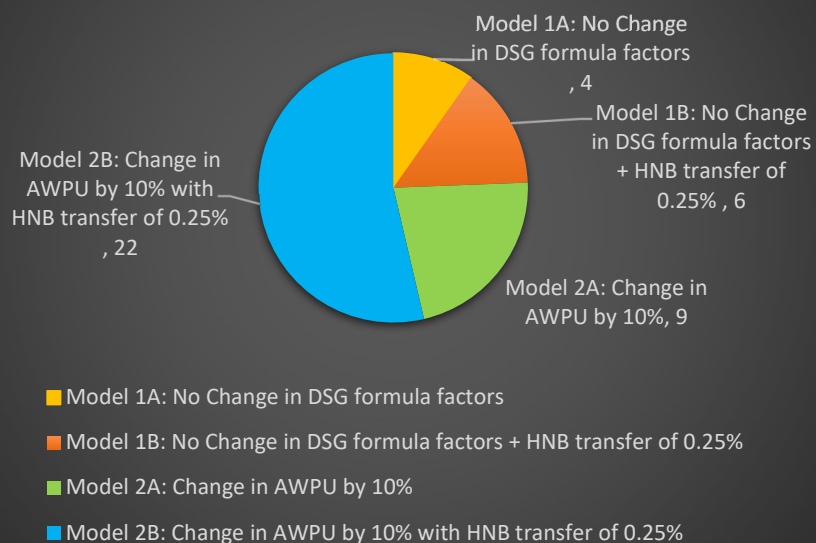
Type of Schools	Total
Primary	34
Secondary	7
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>41</b>



Analysis	Head Teachers	Governors	Total
Primary	19	15	34
Secondary	5	2	7
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>

Q1 - Select your preferred funding model for Schools Block Funding 2022-23	Total
Model 1A: No Change in DSG formula factors	4
Model 1B: No Change in DSG formula factors + HNB transfer of 0.25%	6
Model 2A: Change in AWPU by 10%	9
Model 2B: Change in AWPU by 10% with HNB transfer of 0.25%	22

## Select your preferred funding model for Schools Block Funding 2022-23



Q2 - To set Growth Funding budget to £1.1m same as last year	Total
Yes	40
No	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>

## To set Growth Funding budget to £1.1m same as last year



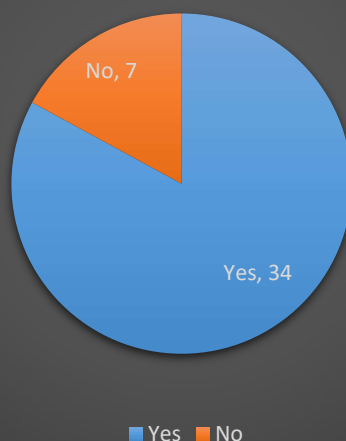
Q3 - Block Transfer to CSSB of £122k for Education Welfare	Total
Yes	37
No	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>

## Block Transfer to CSSB of £122k for Education Welfare



Q4 - Block Transfer to Early Years for Nursery Split Site funding of £60K		Total
Yes		34
No		7
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>

## Block Transfer to Early Years for Nursery Split Site funding of £60K



Q5 - Do you agree with 2nd year Lump Sum payment of £68K for Tiverton Primary School?		Total
Yes		29
No		12
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>

## Do you agree with 2nd year Lump Sum payment of £68K for Tiverton Primary School?



Q6 - To increase the total amount de-delegated from the maintained sector for Trade Union Facilities time from £132K to £165K. (NB maintained schools only)	
	Total
Yes	20
No	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>