



**Haringey** Council

**The Children and Young People's Service**

**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.**

**Agenda Item  
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**Report Status**

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**Report Title: Review of the Haringey School Funding Formula.**

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**Purpose: To update the Forum on work undertaken in reviewing the funding formula for 2011/12.**

**Recommendations:**

- a. That members endorse the proposed increase to Haringey Sixth Form Centre's MBA.
- b. That members endorse the work underway on other potential changes to the funding formula and note the intention to report again to the Forum in September.
- c. That members note the changes arising from the School Admissions Code 2010 and that changes to the Funding Formula will be exemplified when the School Financing Regulations 2011 are available.

## **1. Background.**

- 1.1. A report to the last meeting of the Forum explained the three-year Dedicated School Grant (DSG) funding envelope, the next beginning in April 2011. It also noted that the local funding formula should not change within the period unless there are clear and urgent reasons to do so.
- 1.2. The Forum agreed to consider proposals to increase the Minimum Basic Allocation for the Sixth Form Centre. These are set out in section 2 and members are asked for their endorsement.
- 1.3. At the last meeting, members were asked to consider the current funding formula and raise any factors they wished reviewed prior to 2011. Sections 3 to 7 summarise the issues raised by members and others. Members are asked to endorse further work in these areas and note there will be a further report to the Forum in September.
- 1.4. Following the September meeting of the Forum, all schools will be consulted on proposed changes to the funding formula.
- 1.5. As requested at the last meeting, a review of the relative distribution of funding between phases has been built into the Forum's forward plan for completion in October 2011.

## **2. Haringey Sixth Form Centre.**

- 2.1. As reported to the last Forum, Haringey Sixth Form Centre (H6FC) has requested an increase to their Minimum Basic Allocation (MBA).
- 2.2. Members are asked to endorse the proposal set out in 2.3, which is the position agreed between officers and the Vice-Principal.
- 2.3. The current MBA is based on that for Special Schools, with a pro-rata contribution for the Principal and a Vice-Principal using the number of planned special needs places in proportion to total planned roll. The calculation of the current MBA's for special schools and H6FC are set out in columns a and b of the following table. The revised proposal is to give a weighting of four to each planned place to recognise that there is a proportionately greater input from senior staff for these places. The divisor used is the number actually funded by the Young Peoples Learning Agency rather than the number originally planned. This will give a factor of 220/1055 compared with the current 55/1200. The revised calculation is shown in column c and will result in an increase of £24,597, as shown in column d.

**Table. Minimum Basic Allocation for Special Schools and Current and Proposed Allocations for Haringey Sixth Form Centre.**

	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Special Schools</b>	<b>H6FC - Current</b>	<b>H6FC - Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
	£	£	£	£
Head (Principal)	83,002	3,804	17,308	13,504
Deputy-Head (Vice-Principal)	68,181	3,125	14,218	11,093
Inclusion Manager	59,287	59,287	59,287	0
Administrative Officer	26,680	26,680	26,680	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,150</b>	<b>92,896</b>	<b>117,493</b>	<b>24,597</b>

### **3. Premises Formula.**

- 3.1. Two issues are emerging here, the first is that there is no comprehensive update of suitability and condition data for primary schools and that spending restrictions may prevent further work in this area. The position will be reviewed prior to reporting to Forum in September. If it is not possible to complete the surveys, two possible options are either to continue with existing data, but that is now dated, or to revert to a factor using floor area.
- 3.2. The second is the emerging evidence that utility costs of newly built premises are substantially higher than in older premises. Officers will assess the impact of these additional costs in time to make a recommendation on formula changes to Forum in September.

### **4. The School Admissions Code 2010.**

- 4.1. Head teachers have raised concerns about the implications of the new code on school admissions, which are set out in the following sections. However, the changes will not come into effect until September 2011 and will not have financial implications until the 2012/13 financial year. The current School Finance Regulations offer limited scope in dealing with the new requirement but we anticipate that the 2011 Regulations will change to reflect the increased flexibility in admissions and we will consult on the necessary change to Haringey's Schools Funding Formula next year.
- 4.2. In Haringey, children normally enter reception classes in the September following their fourth birthday. This entry date ensures that the child is included in the January pupil count used for both the DSG calculation and the calculation of individual school budget shares.

4.3. The School Admissions Code 2010 requires that from September 2011 admission authorities ‘- allow parents of children who are offered a place at a school before they are of compulsory school age to defer their child’s entry until later in the school year.’ The authority must hold the place and not allocate it to another child.

4.4. Under the present arrangements, this has implications for both local authority and school funding. Children entering a school after the January pupil count are not included in the DSG for the financial year starting in April, nor are they included in the numbers funded for individual schools under Haringey’s Schools Funding Formula.

#### **5. Early Years Single Funding Formula.**

5.1. Work on this is proceeding with meetings scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Work will continue over the summer with proposals for consultation presented to Forum in September.

#### **6. Split Site.**

6.1. The Forum has previously rejected the inclusion of a split site factor; however, officers are of the view that this should be given further consideration and will make recommendations to Forum in September.

#### **7. The Inclusive Learning Campus.**

7.1. The Forum received a report on ‘New Provision for Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities’ at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Among other things, the report discussed the development of two new Inclusive Learning Campuses that will begin to operate from September 2011. A review of the implications of the new arrangements on Haringey’s Schools Funding Formula is underway and any recommended changes to the funding formula will be reported in September.

#### **8. Prior Attainment Data.**

8.1. At the last meeting, members expressed concern that the boycott of SATs at some schools would create difficulties in the calculation of the prior attainment factor for 2011/12. Advice from the Children and Young People’s statistician is that those schools that boycotted the tests (more than 30) are still required to return teacher assessments, which have been moderated, and that these can be used in place of test results.

#### **9. Recommendations:**

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