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**Purpose: To consult on proposed changes to Haringey Council's Schools Funding Formula for 2011/12.**

**Recommendations:**

- 1. To endorse the proposed changes to Haringey's Schools Funding Formula.**

## **1. Background and Introduction.**

- 1.1. A report to the last meeting of the Forum explained that the Department for Education normally issued Dedicated School Grant (DSG)<sup>1</sup> notifications for a three-year period and that the local funding formula should not change within the period unless there are clear and urgent reasons to do so.
- 1.2. We expected, when writing the report, that the next three-year period would start in April 2011. We now know, (see Agenda Item 11) that the DSG for a single year, 2011-12, will be notified in November/December and that the next three-year period is expected to start in April 2012.
- 1.3. The interim year will allow for further review of the funding formula, including the review of the relative distribution of funds between phases requested by the Forum, before the next three-year funding period begins.
- 1.4. Haringey Council is proposing to change the Schools Funding Formula as set out in Section 2 from April 2011.

## **2. Changes to the Schools Funding Formula.**

- 2.1. The LA uses the funding formula to allocate the resources agreed by the Council, in consultation with the Schools Forum, for delegation to governing bodies. The recommended changes to the formula for 2011-12 are set out in the following sections.

### **2.2. Premises Formula.**

- 2.2.1. We reported to the meeting in July that the premises allocation may need to be reviewed for new buildings. Further work indicates that, provided appropriate controls are installed, higher energy costs generally relate to increased provision of ICT equipment for pupils. These are part of the curriculum costs of the school and should be found from within the Age Weighted Pupil Unit. New buildings usually have higher maintenance costs of specific plant and funding factors already exist to cover this. We will keep this area under review but we are not proposing changes to this factor at present.

### **2.3. Transitional Arrangements for Expanding Schools on Split Sites.**

- 2.3.1. In considering the proposed transitional arrangement, the following contextual information may be helpful. Haringey's Schools Funding Formula provides support for new forms of entry beginning during the course of a financial year by providing funding for both the set up costs and running costs of the new form. The Formula also provides

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<sup>1</sup> The DSG is the main source of funding for education and provides the School Budget Share delegated to school governing bodies.

support for new schools needing to fund larger 'overhead' costs than would generally be supported by the numbers currently on roll.

- 2.3.2. A gap in the Formula has emerged in the case of schools expanding over a number of years through the opening of a new building. The need to provide a second reception point and sufficient staffing cover result in the school incurring costs over and above that funded through the Minimum Basic Allocation (MBA). The MBA itself is to provide a lump sum contribution to the overhead costs of the school; also contributing to this overhead is an element of the Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU). The contribution from the latter will be lower in the initial years of the expansion and this reduced contribution coupled with the costs of running the second site has led to financial difficulties at a school. We propose to introduce a factor to recognise this difficulty with initial funding equivalent to 100% of the MBA provided in the first year, 75% in the second, 50% in the third, 25% in the fourth, tapering to 0 thereafter.

#### **2.4. The Inclusive Learning Campus.**

- 2.4.1. 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 (ILCs) that will begin to operate from September 2011.
- 2.4.2. The inclusive campus will involve integrated working between the mainstream and special school, particularly in planning for inclusiveness and in moving pupils with special needs within the campus. We propose that the Funding Formula recognises this enhanced provision by providing funding within the MBA for the additional cost of this inclusive working. Work is continuing in identifying the additional costs and we will develop this in the budget reports to Forum in November and December. We expect that the factor will include an uplifted planning, preparation and assessment time for teachers, an additional allowance for special needs assistants and for managing inclusion.

#### **2.5. The Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF).**

- 2.5.1. There is an update on this in Agenda Item 13. We will consult fully with the Forum on proposals for the EYSFF in November.

#### **2.6. Prior Attainment Data.**

- 2.6.1. Prior attainment is used as a factor in allocation Additional Educational Needs Funding. Many schools boycotted SAT last year, compromising the data needed for this factor; we propose to use teacher assessments for all pupils for 2011/12 to ensure consistency in approach.

## **2.7. Haringey Sixth Form Centre – Minimum Basic Allocation.**

- 2.7.1. We reported the background to this proposed change to the Forum's meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. We are recommending an increase of £24,597 in the Minimum Basic Allocation (MBA) from £92,896 to £117,493 (2010/11 rate). The MBA is for the special needs places provided at the centre and the increase is to recognise the proportionately greater time spent in managing these places.
- 2.7.2. The Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> July agreed the proposed increase for one year; the allocation will then be included in a wider review of the funding formula for special resource provisions.

## **3. Recommendations.**

- 2. To endorse the proposed changes to Haringey's Schools Funding Formula.**