

Haringey Council

The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum – Thursday 13th September 2012

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Report Title: Modelling the Schools Funding Formula 2013-14

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Purpose: To inform members of the 'Best Fit' of new and old funding factors and to inform members of progress in relaxing the Minimum Funding Guarantee constraints on the additional funding for the Area Cost Adjustment .

Recommendations: That members note and comment on the report.

1. Background and Introduction.

- 1.1. Schools Forum on 12th July 2012 considered a report on the School Funding Formula 2013-14. After discussion it was RESOLVED (Minute 10.22) that :
 - a. The Forum AGREE the recommendations in the Report (1-10 as detailed) for consultation with a view to modelling the new formula factors to achieve the closest fit to the current funding levels/distribution.
 - b. The consultation go out before the end of the summer term (with an end date in September) and that it include the information about the new formula factors but not the exemplifications.
 - c. The agreement of the DfE is sought to the setting of a minimum funding guarantee of 100.1% to reflect the increase in the area cost adjustment.
 - d. The Working Group (and SW and or NM) consider meetings with Headteachers (primary and secondary) to give information and explain and take feedback.
- 1.2. This report explains the progress made in these areas.

2. Modelling the Best Fit.

- 2.1. Modelling over the summer produced the 'Best Fit' between the main existing and new funding factors. A limit had to be set on the differential between primary and secondary EAL and low attainment to stop the modelling tool creating too great a difference.
- 2.2. The resulting factors and values are set out in Appendix and Table 1.

Table 1 Funding factors and values producing the best fit with current funding.

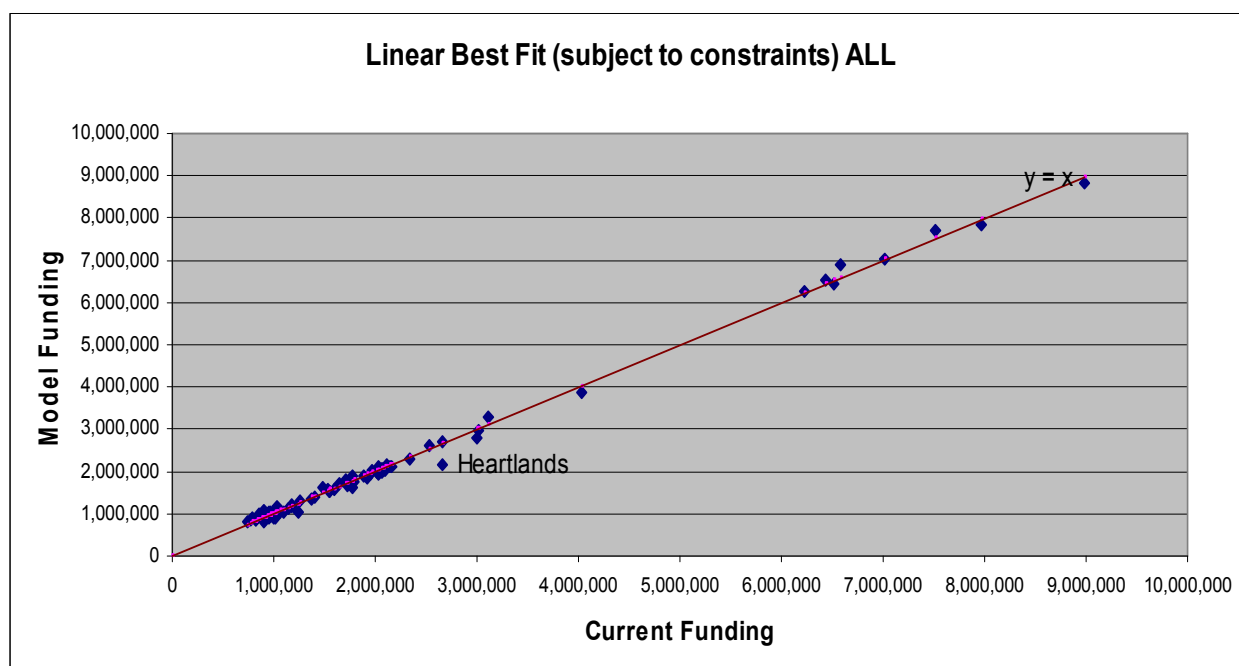
	Primary £	Secondary £	
Basic Allocation	3,017.99	4,880.22	
Eligibility for FSM	1,610.46	1,949.65	
EAL 3 Years	464.92	929.85	Limited factor
LAC Current Children	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Low Attainment	2,036.83	4,073.66	Limited Factor
Mobility PRI	1,293.96	2,241.78	
Lump Sum	177,380.38	177,380.38	

2.3. Appendix 2 sets out the current year funding that falls within the Schools Budget Block adjusted for:

- the movement of stated funding from the High Needs Block,
- factors such as rates that were and will be funded at the actual cost.
- split site allocations affecting only two schools and subject to consultation.

2.4. Appendix 3 sets out the new allocations based on the factors and values set out in Table 1 and the resulting variation per schools between the old and the new factors. The fit between the two is shown diagrammatically in Chart 1.

Chart 1. Best fit between new and old funding factors for primary and secondary schools.



2.5. Members should be aware that the primary/secondary ratio in this model is 1:1.41, significantly above the national average. A cap on differentials may be introduced in 2014-15 that will probably be around the national average of 1:1.27. It is recommended that the factor values are considered in this light.

3. Consultation.

- 3.1. Consultation documents were sent out to all schools, chairs of governing bodies and Forum members on 18th July 2012.
- 3.2. Consultation closes on the 24th September 2012 and the results will be reported to the next Forum.

4. Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and the Area Cost Adjustment (ACA).

- 4.1. The Department for Education (DfE) turned down a request for a positive MFG and we are currently seeking the DfE's permission to exempt the ACA from the MFG calculation allowing it to be distributed in addition to budgets subject to MFG.

5. Meetings with Head teachers.

- 5.1. These will be arranged in the new term.

6. Recommendations.

6.1. That members note and comment on the report.