



Haringey Council

The Children and Young People's Service

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Purpose: To inform the Forum of the review by the Department for Education of the 2013-14 funding arrangements and its consultation on the arrangements for 2014-15.

Recommendations:

That the Funding Formula Review Group reconvene to review our funding formula and to agree a response to the consultation document.

1. Review of 2013-14 School Funding Arrangements.

- 1.1. The Department for Education (DfE) recently published its 'Review of 2013-14 School Funding Arrangements', which reviews the move to a new funding formula for 2013-14 and identifies areas of concern and possible changes for 2014-15. It also looks at options for adjusting high needs funding in future years and whether schools forums are operating more democratically and transparently. Within the document are a series of consultation questions on these issues with a deadline for responses of 26 March 2013.
- 1.2. The Annex to the document provides a useful review of how the new formula is being implemented in 2013-14. The review is based on the October pro-forma rather than the final January return and shows the distribution of factor values and the proportions of the delegated Schools Block distributed through them. It will be a useful tool in our review of the funding formula for 2014-15.
- 1.3. The document and our final funding pro-forma are attached for information. The latter shows the factor values used in Haringey and the proportion of funding distributed through them, which can be compared with the national picture shown in the Annex.
- 1.4. As the deadline for response is before the next Forum we recommend that the response is delegated to the Funding Formula Review Group and that the Group meet in March to do an initial review of our formula, set out areas of future work and agree a response to the consultation.