

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
Date of Decision:	24 October 2013
Decision Title:	School Funding Formula 2014/15
Decision Reference:	5171
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for changes to the funding formula for primary and secondary schools (including academies). These formulae have to be agreed by 31 October 2013 and will apply to funding arrangements in 2014/15.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. In March 2012 the Department for Education (DfE) published "Next Steps towards a fairer system". This detailed their proposals for a new national approach to school revenue funding for implementation in financial year 2013/14. Following the consultation on this document the DfE published the outcomes in its document "School funding reform: Arrangements for 2013-14", which set out how the arrangements should work. The DfE also published operational guidance for local authorities.
- 2.2. On 23 October 2012 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approved the new Hampshire schools funding formula, which came into effect on 1 April 2013.
- 2.3. Subsequent to the implementation of this new formula, the Department for Education (DfE) has reviewed the impact of the changes and, following consultation, has made some changes to the formula.
- 2.4. The DfE imposed a deadline of 31 October 2013 for local authorities

to agree the formula for primary and secondary schools (including academies). At its meeting on 10 July 2013 Schools Forum agreed to continue the main principles agreed within the new formula and agreed preferences for changes to the formula upon which there would be consultation with schools. Appendix 1 is the report submitted to Schools Forum on 24 October 2013, which provides more detail about the new requirements and proposed changes to the local formula, following consultation.

- 2.5. The main schools funding comes via the Dedicated Schools Grant, which consists of three notional block allocations:
 - Schools Block
 - Early Years Block
 - High Needs Block
 - 2.6. There will be minor changes to the Single Early Years Funding Formula. Also, the High Needs element of the funding, which relates primarily to Special Schools, Schools with resourced provision and Education Centres, will be subject to minor changes. These will be subject to separate Schools Forum consideration.
 - 2.7. Values to be applied to the formula will be determined in January 2014 when the 2014/15 budget settlement is known and final data adjustments are made. However, Schools Forum will receive an update on progress at its meeting in December 2013.
- 3. Recommendation**
- 3.1. Approve the schools funding formula for 2014/15 as set out in the report at Appendix 1.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
School Funding Reform - Schools and Early Years Funding Formulae 2013/14	<u>Reference</u> 4362	<u>Date</u> 23 October 2012
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> School funding reform: Next steps towards a fairer system School funding reform: Arrangements for 2013-14 2014-15 Revenue Funding Arrangements: Operational information for local authorities (Education Funding Agency)		<u>Date</u> March 2012 July 2012 July 2013

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1 Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The Department for Education has published an Equality Impact assessment relating to the two key publications – “School funding reform: Next Steps towards a fairer system” and “School funding reform: Arrangements for 2013-14”, which have determined how local authorities should implement the school funding reform. The department has consulted widely and the proposals reflect the outcomes of those consultations.
- 1.2 There are no equality and diversity objectives that are considered to be adversely affected by any proposals in this report.

2 Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime.
- 2.2 The proposals in this report have no proven impact on the prevention of crime.

3 Climate Change:

- a. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- No impact
- b. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?
- No impact