

## **CABINET**

**17 JANUARY 2017**

### **FINAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES 2017-2018**

#### **ADDENDUM REPORT**

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#### **Summary**

This addendum report sets out the outcome of discussion at the Schools Forum meeting on 9 January 2017.

#### **1. Background**

1.1 The Schools Forum met on 9 January 2017 to discuss, consider and to make recommendations on the Final Funding Formula for 2017-18 to Cabinet for approval.

#### **2. Recommendations from the Schools Forum – 9 January 2017**

2.1 From April 2018 school budgets will be set by a national funding formula. Stage one of a two stage consultation process, proposed the removal of two funding factors - mobility and looked after children - which were used in Medway's Funding Formula.

2.2 To mirror the proposed national funding formula, the Schools Forum on 17 October 2016 recommended to Cabinet to remove these two funding factors from the provisional funding formula for 2017/18. These recommendations were subsequently approved by Cabinet at their meeting on 25 October 2016.

2.3 Stage two of the consultation was published in December 2016 and in line with the consultation, the Schools Forum were asked to consider adding back the mobility funding factor to the final funding formula for 2017-18.

2.4 At its meeting on 9 January 2017 the Schools Forum recommended to Cabinet to:

- 1) Add back the mobility funding factor at £90 per pupil.
- 2) Ask members to instruct officers to implement the Final Funding Formula for 2017-18.

2.5 Table 1 below shows the revised funding available for each funding factor after the 2017-18 final funding formula has been “run” with a mobility funding factor included.

<b>Funding Factor</b>	<b>2017-18 Allocation</b>	<b>2017-18 Allocation</b>
	£m	%
Basic Entitlement - Primary	66.639	40.39%
Basic Entitlement - Secondary	62.912	38.13%
Deprivation	9.415	5.71%
Prior Attainment	11.242	6.81%
English as an Additional Language	0.363	0.22%
Mobility	0.162	0.10%
Lump Sum	10.848	6.57%
Split Sites	0.111	0.07%
Sparsity	0.011	0.01%
Rates	1.876	1.14%
Exceptional Items	0.027	0.02%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>163.606</b>	<b>99.17%</b>
Minimum Funding Guarantee / Capping	1.396	0.83%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>165.002</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

2.6 The Final Funding Formula has distributed:

- 79.18% through the basic entitlement factors.
- 92.13% through the pupil lead factors.

### **3. Chief Finance Officer’s comments**

3.1 The Cabinet report refers to the anticipated recommendations in paragraph 8.1 of the main report and the Schools Forum’s actual recommendations to Cabinet are set out in paragraph 2.4 above.

3.2 Individual school budgets are funded by the schools block of the dedicated schools grant and the proposal to add back the mobility funding factor to mirror the national funding formula is affordable within the available grant, therefore, this can be recommended to Cabinet.

### **4. Revised recommendations for Cabinet**

4.1 The Cabinet is asked to agree to add back the mobility funding factor into the Final Funding Formula for 2017-18 as outlined in section 2.4 of the addendum report above.

4.2 The Cabinet is asked to instruct officers to implement the Final Funding Formula for 2017-18.

4.3 The Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations set out in section 4.1 and 4.2 are considered urgent and therefore should not be subject to call in.

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