

 Brent	<p style="text-align: center;">Schools Forum 22 October 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People</p>
For Consultation	
Schools Funding Formula 2015-16	

1. Background

- 1.1. As reported to the Schools Forum in September, the DfE has announced an additional £390m of revenue funding to be distributed to the least fairly funded local authorities from 2015/16, of which Brent gets a share of £11m. This is a provisional figure and is likely to be higher due to expected pupil number increases.
- 1.2. As a result the Schools Formula Sub-Group met on 3 October to look at options to ensure a fair distribution of the £11m across all schools.
- 1.3. In addition, following the decision to convert non-recoupment academies to recoupment academies, Ark and Capital City are now included in the formula calculations and will equally benefit from the increase.

2. Models

- 2.1. Several models were discussed at the sub-group. As a result of these discussions, two models were identified to be put forward to the Schools Forum.
- 2.2. The Schools Formula Sub-Group therefore agreed to bring the following two models to the Schools Forum. as options for distributing the additional funding:
 - Model 1: This model distributes the additional funding by increasing the amount per pupil across all of the pupil led factors.
 - Model 2: This model distributes the additional funding by increasing the amount per pupil across all the pupil-led factors except for AWPU

- 2.2.1. Both models maintain a 1: 1.29 Primary: Secondary ratio which was the national average for 2014/15. Brent's ratio last year was 1:1.27 the national average at the time. The Schools Forum agreed to keep this ratio in line with the national average and therefore all models have been calculated with this adjustment.

		Amount per Pupil £			
		2014/15	Model 1	Model 2	New Minimum
Basic Entitlement (AWPU)	Primary	3,061.74	3,224.33	3,061.74	2,880.00
	KS3	4,480.40	4,771.13	4,480.40	3,950.00
	KS4	4,945.03	5,265.91	4,945.03	4,502.00
Deprivation	IDACI 1 – Primary	314.72	331.43	383.29	209.00
	IDACI 2 – Primary	319.20	336.15	388.75	260.00
	IDACI 3 – Primary	330.40	347.94	402.39	347.00
	IDACI 4 – Primary	537.60	566.15	654.73	422.00
	IDACI 5 – Primary	817.60	861.02	995.74	477.00
	IDACI 6 – Primary	1,153.60	1,214.86	1,404.95	691.00
	IDACI 1 – Secondary	332.50	354.08	465.50	289.00
	IDACI 2 – Secondary	338.75	379.00	474.25	379.00
	IDACI 3 – Secondary	351.25	470.00	491.75	470.00
	IDACI 4 – Secondary	582.50	620.3	815.50	554.00
	IDACI 5 – Secondary	895.00	953.08	1,253.00	614.00
	IDACI 6 – Secondary	1,270.00	1352.41	1,778.00	819.00
LAC		525.00	1,004.00	1,004.00	1,004.00
EAL	EAL 1 – Primary	1,153.60	1,214.86	1,404.95	466.00
	EAL 1 – Secondary	1,287.50	1,371.04	1,802.50	1,130.00
Prior Attainment	Low Attainment 78	1,120.00	1,179.47	1,364.02	669.00
	KS4	1,381.25	1,470.88	1,933.75	940.00

- 2.2.2. The first column shows the amounts per pupil applied in 2014/15, and the last column shows the new minimum levels for each factor now required by the DfE.
- 2.2.3. Where a proportionate increase does not allow a particular factor to meet the minimum requirements, the factor amount has been increased to the meet the minimum.
- 2.2.4. The two non-recoupment academies (Ark and Capital City) are now included in the funding model. Michaela Free School opened in September 2014 and will be funded directly by the DfE for the remainder of the 2014/15 financial year, but should then appear in the final model for inclusion in 2015/16 funding calculations.
- 2.2.5. Each model includes an additional split site factor for Leopold and Roe Green Infant School in recognition that both have opened an annexe. The Schools Funding Sub-Group recommended the additional funding under the split-site factor.

3. Sub-Group Discussions

- 3.1. The Schools Formula Sub-Group also reviewed the English as an Additional Language (EAL) factor, to consider making a change from EAL 1 to EAL 3. This was an issue that had been raised by a few schools.
- 3.1.1. There are currently 3 EAL factors to choose from, and these can be different for Primary and Secondary schools. The EAL factor means that schools receive funding for pupils with EAL who have entered the English school system within recent years (EAL1 – within the past 1 year; EAL2 – within the past 2 years; EAL3 – within the past 3 years).
- 3.1.2. Brent currently uses the EAL1 factor and after much discussion the sub-group took the view that this should remain as EAL1. The rationale behind this was that many Brent schools have a particular challenge including a large number of pupils enter the school system each year from overseas and it was particularly important therefore to ensure that there was additional support for these pupils in the first year.
- 3.2. There was also a discussion around applying a cap on gains. However a capping on gains is having minimal effect and therefore is not recommended.

4. Next Steps

- ⇒ The deadline for submission of the provisional budget to the EFA is 31 October. The model selected by the Schools Forum will be used for this submission.
- ⇒ The model agreed by the Schools Forum will also be open for consultation to all schools in Brent via the Schools Extranet. Schools are invited to engage with this process and provide responses where appropriate.
- ⇒ The proposed schools budget will then be submitted to the council's Cabinet for approval in December to approve any changes to the schools funding formula, as modelled.
- ⇒ Additional de-delegation approvals and approvals for centrally retained items will be submitted to the Schools Forum in December.
- ⇒ The final schools budget will be brought to the Schools Forum in January, and submitted thereafter to the DfE by 20 January.
- ⇒ Schools will be notified of their budget (schools block only) by 27 February 2015, and of their full budget by 31 March 2015

5. DfE Approvals

- 5.1 The DfE has approved the MFG exclusions for:
- a. the two schools receiving a split-site allocation for the first time;
 - b. the applications for varying the pupil numbers at the two all-through schools. This will enable the MFG to be calculated separately for the secondary and primary cohorts in each school.
- 5.2 A further approval is pending following a request for a lump sum variation for Crest Academy Girls and Boys which merged in September 2014. The merged school will receive 85% of the two lump sums in 2015-16.

6. Recommendations and Consultation points

- 6.1. The Schools Forum is requested to:
- a. Approve the additional split-site factor funding for the two schools – Leopold and Roe Green Infants;
 - b. Consider the two modelling options presented and recommend a model for the 2015/16 Schools Block Funding Formula.

Appendix

1. Schools Funding 2015/16 Models

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