



Schools Forum
10 October 2018

Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

Updated Scheme for Financing Schools and Schools Financial Regulations

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| Wards Affected: | All |
| Key or Non-Key Decision: | N/A |
| Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small> | Open |
| No. of Appendices: | Four: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme for Financing Schools 2018/19 • Summary of Changes – 2018/19 Scheme for Financing Schools • Scheme for Financing Schools : Schools Financial Regulations 2018/19 • Summary of Changes – 2018/19 Schools Financial Regulations |
| Background Papers: | Schemes for financing schools: Statutory guidance for local authorities – March 2018 |
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report details the changes implemented to the Scheme for Financing Schools and the Schools Financial Regulations, which became effective from 1 April 2018.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Schools Forum is requested to approve the amendments to the Scheme for Financing Schools 2018-19

2.2 The Schools Forum is being formally consulted on the Brent Schools Financial Regulations 2018-19

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 All changes applied in the revision are in line with the March 2018 Department for Education *Scheme for Financing Schools – Statutory Guidance* issued to local authorities, changes to the Local Authority's own regulations, the EU Public Procurement Regulations and all the relevant regulations.
- 3.2 The 2018-19 Scheme for Financing Schools is attached as Appendix A, with the changes and reasons for change being detailed in Appendix B. The changes will become immediately effective after the approval of Schools Forum.
- 3.3 The 2018-19 Schools Financial Regulation is attached as Appendix C, with the changes and reasons for change being detailed in Appendix D. The changes will become immediately effective after consultation with Schools Forum.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications for this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 Not applicable

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 The March 2018 Department for Education Scheme for Financing Schools Guidance states *'In making any changes to their schemes, local authorities must consult all schools in their area and receive the approval of the members of their schools forum representing maintained schools. Local authorities must take this guidance into account when they revise their schemes, in consultation with the schools forum'*.
- 7.2 Voting is open to all maintained school members for the proposed changes to the 2018-19 Scheme for Financing Schools
- 7.3 Open to formal comment from all maintained school members for the proposed changes to the 2018-19 Schools Financial Regulations.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

- 8.1 Not applicable

Report sign off:

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