

DELEGATED DECISION

CORPORATE RESOURCES SERVICE

3 February 2017

**Mainstream primary and secondary
formula funding 2017-18**



Report of CORPORATE RESOURCES SERVICE

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To approve the formula for distributing funding to mainstream primary and secondary schools in County Durham.

Background

- 2 Formula funding for mainstream primary and secondary schools is regulated by statutory regulation, which sets out the basis on which local authorities can allocate formula funding to these schools. This funding does not include funding in respect of early years, post-16 or special educational needs provision. The primary basis of allocation is pupil numbers, but other allocations are made in respect of deprivation and prior attainment, as well as a lump sum and premises-related factors.
- 3 The Council consulted the Schools Forum about the formula at its meetings on 19 October and 8 December 2016 and also consulted smaller groups of members at working groups in September 2016. The Durham Association of Secondary Headteachers was consulted about a decision on the use of sparsity funding in the formula, which the Council decided not to use. The portfolio holder and his support member are members of the Forum and receive reports.
- 4 The total funding allocated through the formula is £290,497,580 and this is allocated over 247 schools and academies. This is funded by central government through the Dedicated Schools Grant; amounts allocated to academies through the formula are then deducted from the grant, because academies are funded directly by the Education Funding Agency.
- 5 The formula is summarised overleaf:

	Pupils / equivalent pupils	Unit Rate	Allocated
			£
Primary AWPU	38,791	£2,721.76	105,579,892
KS3 AWPU	14,812	£3,565.93	52,818,613
KS4 AWPU	9,126	£4,892.79	44,650,779
Secondary FSM	4,130	£2,886.76	11,921,413
IDACI Prim Band 1	5,109	£426.38	2,178,255
IDACI Prim Band 2	5,659	£521.14	2,949,281
IDACI Prim Band 3	4,470	£615.89	2,752,976
IDACI Prim Band 4	3,035	£710.64	2,156,685
IDACI Prim Band 5	3,073	£852.77	2,620,661
IDACI Prim Band 6	2,134	£1,421.28	3,032,363
IDACI Sec Band 1	3,050	£369.60	1,127,188
IDACI Sec Band 2	3,418	£451.73	1,543,828
IDACI Sec Band 3	2,583	£533.86	1,378,944
IDACI Sec Band 4	1,802	£615.99	1,109,845
IDACI Sec Band 5	1,822	£739.19	1,346,823
IDACI Sec Band 6	1,211	£1,231.99	1,491,571
Prior Attain. (Prim)	8,232	£485.29	3,994,807
Prior Attain. (Sec)	4,586	£339.65	1,557,473
Lump sum (prim)	216.55	£160,000	34,648,000
Lump sum (sec)	32.00	£175,000	5,600,000
Rates - Primary			2,514,271
Rates - Secondary			1,981,942
Split-site - Primary			205,032
Split-site - Secondary			186,310
PFI - Primary			52,396
PFI - Secondary			1,038,231
Joint-use Leisure			60,000
Total formula funding			290,497,580

Recommendations and reasons

- 6 It is recommended that the formula be approved so that maintained schools can be informed of their formula funding.

Decision

- 6 Formula is approved.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – allocation of mainstream primary and secondary school formula funding

Staffing – funding is used to fund school staff

Risk – failure to comply with school funding regulations if not approved

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – the formula takes account of the extent to which pupils suffer deprivation or have not reached a sufficient level of achievement in their previous phase of education. The formula includes a lump sum to assist smaller schools in isolated areas.

Accommodation – none

Crime and Disorder – none

Human Rights – none

Consultation – with Durham Schools Forum

Procurement – none

Disability Issues – none

Legal Implications – none