

West Berkshire Schools' Forum	
Title of Report:	Final Proposal for School Formula & School Budget 2013/14
Date of Meeting:	21st January 2013
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For Decision	

1. Background

- 1.1 Under the School Funding Reforms the Local Authority were required to develop a new school formula for distributing funding to primary and secondary schools in 2013/14 using new national guidelines. The formula was agreed by Schools' Forum on 1st October 2012, approved by the Council's Executive on 18th October 2012 without any change, and submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by the deadline of 31st October.
- 1.2 The EFA accepted the submission as being compliant, and no changes are required to the formula. However, now that the data from the October 2012 census is available, the final funding rates need to be set, and submitted to the EFA by 22nd January 2013.

2. Final Proposed Funding Rates for Schools Formula

- 2.1 Appendix A provides a breakdown of the funding rates that have been used for the consultation on the formula in the summer 2012, the submission to the EFA in October 2012, and the indicative budget allocations sent to schools in December 2012.
- 2.2 The funding rates used in the EFA submission included adjustments for the new services being delegated via the agreed method and adjustments to pupil numbers in relation to resource units where the pupil numbers are to be excluded, and the uplift for where reception pupil numbers are greater in January compared to the previous October.
- 2.3 The indicative budget allocations are based on the actual October census data. The funding rates for SEN, deprivation, and EAL have been adjusted to keep each of the total funding pots roughly the same, with the unit of funding based on the total number of relevant pupils in each of these categories from the October census data. Non Domestic Rates are as per the 2012/13 actual payments as agreed at the last meeting of the Schools' Forum. Pupil funding rates and the lump sum have been kept the same, which means that schools receive the full funding for any increases in pupil numbers.

2.4 As the funding required for the Minimum Funding Guarantee has increased, the cap for gains has had to be reduced to 2.4% per pupil in order to fund the MFG.

2.5 Appendix B details the funding changes for each school based on the indicative rates.

2.6 The cost using the indicative rates is £94.089m. The Schools Block DSG is confirmed at £94.747m plus £33k adjustment for NQT funding. The centrally retained budget requirement is £671k, leaving £94.109 available to delegate to schools, which is £20k greater than the indicative budget.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the centrally retained schools budget of £671k is agreed. This includes a new centrally retained budget for CLA and MPA licences for all state schools, as advised by the DfE on 14th January – no funding has been deducted from school budgets for this.

3.2 That as the funding available is just £20k greater than the indicative budget rates sent to schools, the indicative rates are set as final.

3.3 That the £20k of funding “left over” be utilised in the high needs block.

Appendices

Appendix A – School Formula Funding Rates 2013/14

Appendix B – School Funding Allocation Summary School by School 2013/14

APPENDIX A

School Formula Allocation Funding Rates						
	CONSULTATION		EFA SUBMISSION		INDICATIVE	
	RATE £	TOTAL £	RATE £	TOTAL £	RATE £	TOTAL £
PUPIL FUNDING						
Primary (2805 + 39)	2,804	33,541,448	2,844	34,159,284	2,844	34,941,384
Secondary (4270 + 62)	4,271	41,151,085	4,332	41,426,916	4,332	40,993,716
SEN						
Primary Prior Attainment	354	766,178	354	769,335	382	768,631
Primary FSM	745	767,350	745	767,171	700	766,199
Primary Pupil No's	64	765,568	64	768,704	63	774,018
Secondary Prior Attainment	2,356	2,318,843	2,356	2,293,406	2,570	2,320,465
DEPRIVATION						
Primary FSM	487	501,610	487	501,493	460	503,502
Primary IDACI	100		100		150	
			304		300	
			400		400	
			500		600	
		501,601	600	499,452	600	502,683
Secondary FSM	927	674,856	927	667,366	800	669,384
Secondary IDACI	200		200		200	
			343		400	
			600		600	
			800		800	
	1,000	675,019	1,000	669,338	1,000	670,597
EAL						
Primary			509	185,016	420	191,709
Secondary			509	35,280	420	27,890
MFG/CAP						
			cap 3%		cap 2.4%	
Primary	217,310		142,693		220,648	
Secondary	173,657	390,967	276,759	419,452	171,851	392,499
RATES						
Primary		592,505		592,505		610,011
Secondary		501,821		501,821		400,145
LUMP SUM						
Primary	125,000		125,733		125,733	
Secondary		8,250,000		8,298,378		8,298,378
		1,250,000		1,257,330		1,257,330
TOTAL ALLOCATION						
		92,648,851		93,812,247		94,088,541
PRIMARY	11,962	45,903,570	12,011	46,684,031	12,286	47,577,163
SECONDARY	9,635	46,745,281	9,563	47,128,216	9,463	46,511,378
Secondary:Primary Ratio		1.26		1.27		1.27
AVAILABLE FUNDING:						
GUF					4,359	
Pupil Numbers					21,736	
Total DSG		92,648,680		92,648,680		94,747,224
Add new delegations				1,340,364		
Adjust RU / pupil no's RU/Reception				-169,412		
Add funding for NQT's						33,000
Less Centrally Retained						-671,000
Total DSG Available		92,648,680		93,819,632		94,109,224
Balance		-171		7,385		20,683