

Comments on School Funding Formula:

1. Do you agree that West Berkshire should apply the national funding formula rates for every factor, applying a minimum funding guarantee of 0% and funding cap on gains of 2% (as shown in Annex C)? If not, please let us know with your reasons why. **Yes: Fewer schools lose; this seems to be the better option**

2. Or do you agree that West Berkshire should apply the national funding formula rates for every factor, applying a minimum funding guarantee of -0.5% and funding cap on gains of 3% (as shown in Annex D)? **No – see above**

3. Do you agree that if there is additional funding available the minimum funding guarantee should be set between 0% and 0.5% with the increase in the cap on gains at 3% according to affordability. If not please let us know the reasons why? **Yes**

4. Do you agree that any shortfall or surplus in funding is addressed by scaling all formula factors downwards or upwards? If not, please let us know with your reasons why. **Yes**

5. Do you agree that a top slice should be applied to all schools to support the High Needs Block? If not please let us know the reasons why. **Yes**

6. If your answer to question 5 is yes – do you agree with the amount as set ie £490k, which is the maximum allowable percentage without application to the Secretary of State? Or do you think the amount should be higher or lower – please let us know your reasons why. **Yes**

7. If your answer to question 5 is yes – do you think the funding allocated per school should be in proportion to the school's funding as a proportion to total funding or the school's pupil numbers as a proportion to total pupil numbers? Please let us know the reasons why. **Funding – fairer across the board**

5. If you do not agree with any of the above services being de-delegated, please let us know with your reasons why. **Generally agree but schools should have the option to buy- in to Health & Safety as per previous years.**