

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
12th January 2016

Funding formula changes for 2016-17
(Directorate of Wellbeing)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** This is to inform the school forum of the consultation results and the changes proposed by the Local authority on the Fair funding formula budget for 2016-17 which will go to cabinet for ratification. The consultation figures was based on October 2014, the new budget on Appendix A has been updated with October 2015 and the new IDACI changes.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Please see the attached consultation results table:

As at 24th December there have been a 57% (25 schools) response please see the table below for preferences:

Description	Non of Option	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Number of Schools preferred options	1	8	0	16
Percentage of replies	4%	32%	0%	64%
Primary schools replies		1		16
Secondary schools replies	1	7		

- 2.2 Therefore the council will use option 3 to produce the 2016-17 budget. The budget will not be submitted until Cabinet approves the proposal.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council in partnership with the School Forum members commissioned an independent consultant to produce a report that shows the average cost of a Primary school and a Secondary school in Slough. It was agreed at the Steering group that this information would be used to produce the 16-17 budget on an evidence based criteria. The report produced, was used to inform changes to the Funding formula.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Option 1. Do nothing which was supported by 32% of schools or

Option 2. Was not supported by any school.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 Appendix A. Comparison Table.

5.2 Appendix B. Brief summary of comments.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 None.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

6.2 None.

Access Implications

6.3 There are no access implications.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 All Schools and Academies in Slough. The School Forum. Chief Executive, Section 151 officer and Cabinet.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Consultation forms sent to Schools and Academies and Reports to Senior officers and Cabinet..

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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