

# **SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**

**2 October 2020**

## **Directorate of Children Learning and Skills**

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### **Timeline for 2021-22 Funding Consultation**

#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree with Schools Forum the items which schools will be consulted on for the 2021-22 financial year. .

#### **1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Forum members agree to consult on the proposed following items:

- The CSSB
  - Movement towards a full NFF
  - Block transfer from HNB to SB and CSSB
  - Block transfer from SB to HNB
- And
- Agree dates for Task group meetings and consultation

#### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Each year local authorities are required to consult with all schools on the funding of items within the CSSB.
- 3.2 In 2020-21 schools and Schools Forum agreed to move 85% towards a full NFF. Schools will be consulted with on any further movement for 2021-22.
- 3.3 In 2019-20 it was agreed after consultation and discussion with Schools Forum not to transfer the permitted 0.5% from the Schools block to the High Needs block to mitigate some of the high needs overspend. It is proposed that schools are asked the same question for the 2021-22 financial year but as will be explained in the 2021-22 update paper this will be limited to 0.48%.

#### **4 Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)**

- 4.1 The items contained within this block are the same as in 2020-21 but the budget allocations to each area may be subject to change and will be resultant on the agreement to transfer funding from the HNB as in previous years to in order to rebalance the incorrect base funding from 2017-18.

## **5 Schools Block (SB)**

- 5.1 The consultation will seek consensus from schools as to whether they wish to move further towards an NFF or remain at their current position and also whether they wish to make the permitted transfer from the schools block to the high needs block to mitigate some of the overspend in the high needs block.
- 5.2 In order to have the results of the consultation in time for consideration with the 5-16 task group and to model any additional proposals in time for the December Forum meeting the proposed dates for discussion are as follows;
- 2 October agree items for modelling and consultation
  - Task group meeting w/c 19 Oct or sooner depending on the quantity of modelling required
  - Consultation distributed to schools by 30 October at the latest with a 2 week completion deadline
  - Second meeting of the task group to discuss results and make any amendments w/c 12 November or sooner depending on the date of consultation.
  - 2 December final decisions to be made in principal based on the consultation for the 2021-22 financial year.
  - All modelling will be subject to the final DSG allocation.

## **7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 No alternative options were considered.

## **8 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

## **9 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

- 9.1 Monitoring Officer  
The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.
- 9.2 Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources  
The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.
- 9.3 Access Implications  
There are no access implications.

## **10 Consultation**

A two week consultation will be launched in October 2020.

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