

SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM
2 October 2020

Directorate of Children Learning and Skills

The Scheme for Financing Schools

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the directed revision made by the Secretary of State for Education instructing an amendment to all authority schemes effective as of April 2020.
- 1.2.1 To advise Forum on of the changes between version 10 of the Statutory Guidance, Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools issued by the Department for Education (DfE) covering financial year 2019/20 and version 11 of the guidance, covering financial year 2020/21.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Forum members representing maintained schools **approve** the proposed amendments and changes to the Scheme that accompanies this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Local Authorities are required to publish Schemes for Financing Schools setting out the financial relationship and associated issues, binding on both the authority and on the schools they maintain.
- 3.2 In making any changes to their Schemes, local authorities must consult all maintained schools in their area and receive the approval of the members of their Schools Forum representing maintained schools.

4 Publication of the Scheme

- 4.1 The Scheme must be published on a website which is accessible to members of the public, which can be found on the following link:

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/school-governance-management-and-finance.aspx>

5 THE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS 2020-21

- 5.1 A revised Scheme for Financing Schools can be found at **Appendix A**. The DfE no longer publish copies of the Scheme, they now use an html page, which can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools/schemes-for-financing-local-authority-maintained-schools>

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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