

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Directorate of Children Learning and Skills**

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**The Scheme for Financing Schools**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Schools Forum of the revisions made by the Secretary of State for Education instructing an amendment to all authority schemes, effective as of April 2020. There are no directive provisions from the Secretary of State for Education in this iteration.
- 1.2 To advise Forum on the consultation outcome to the proposed changes which ran from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The revised Scheme for Financing Schools will be published on the Slough website. Please note that the scheme applies only to maintained schools. The ESFA is charged with providing financial operational support to academies).

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **Notes** the outcome of the consultation  
**Notes** the amendments implemented by the DfE.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Local Authorities are required to publish Schemes for Financing Schools setting out the financial relationship between both the authority and on the schools they maintain.
- 3.2 In making any changes to their schemes, local authorities must consult all schools in their area and receive the approval of the members of their Schools Forum representing maintained schools. Local authorities must take this guidance into account when they revise their schemes, in consultation with the Schools Forum.
- 3.3 This guidance relates to the following legislation
- Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and Schedule 14 to the Act
  - Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020.

**4 Publication of the Scheme**

- 4.1 The Scheme must be published on the Slough Borough Council website once the changes have been approved.

## **5 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 All 17 of the LA's maintained schools were consulted on the proposed changes to this year's Scheme. The return rate of the consultation was 8 of 17 (47%).
- 5.2 Of the responses received, all agreed/noted the proposals to be implemented, the comments that were made have been included in Appendix 1 to this report.

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 No alternative options were considered.

## **7 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Not applicable

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

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

## **9 CONSULTATION**

All maintained schools were consulted on the changes to the scheme for financing schools. The consultation concluded on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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