

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Schools Forum****12th June 2014****Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults****School funding consultation for April 2015****1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Schools Forum of the consultation with schools following the announcement that Derbyshire's Schools Block for 2015-16 could rise by £14m.

2. Information and Analysis**2.1 Consultation proposals**

Following the Ministerial Announcement regarding schools' funding, the Council published a consultation document on 16th May 2014 setting out its proposals for allocating the indicative additional funding. In summary the consultation document, which has been circulated previously to Forum members, proposed to:

- Embed the time limited funding supported by DSG underspend for Single Status and Teaching and Learning Consultants;
- Further increase each sector's share by 2%;
- Allocate the primary and secondary sectors' shares by an increase in AWPU;
- Increase the PVI rate by 3.5%;
- Allocate the nursery sector's share by increasing the basic rate by 3.5% as above and adjusting the term time only allocations to keep the overall increase to 2%;
- Increase the top ups for special schools, Enhanced Resource Schools and PRUs;
- Set aside the remaining balance to contribute to central early years and high needs pressures;

Copies of the consultation document and proforma response sheet have been e-mailed to all Headteachers and Chairs of Governors.

2.2 Consultation responses

The closing date for responses is 11th June 2014 and a summary of the views expressed will be tabled at the Forum meeting. The views of the Schools Forum to the Authority's proposals are also welcomed.

3. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, and environmental, financial, health, human resources, legal & human rights, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

Report to Cabinet 6th May 2014.

5. Strategic Director's Recommendations

Schools Forum is asked to:

- (i) note the Authority's consultation document;
- (ii) note the views expressed by respondents; and
- (iii) give its views on the Authority's proposals.

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