

## School Funding Consultation for April 2015

### Summary of School Responses:

Sector	Respondents (and % of total in sector)
Primary	70 (20.2%)
Primary (Academy)	0 (0.0%)
Secondary	18 (58.1%)
Secondary (Academy)	5 (35.7%)
Special	5 (50.0%)
Nursery	3 (37.5%)
PRU	1 (100%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>102 (24.6%)</b>

*Plus: 2 responses from the PVI sector*

### Comments:

- Several comments (larger schools) preferring to share the whole £14m via AWPU but equally strong views (smaller schools) that funding should be allocated via the Lump Sum.
- Early Years intervention should be targeted.
- The Lump Sums should be reviewed given that they are higher than our statistical neighbours.
- Funding should be allocated outside of MFG process so that all schools get something.
- The impact of secondary falling rolls becomes more challenging each year and should be reviewed.
- More funding should be directed to Maintained nursery units/schools that are struggling to fill places and risk having to reduce provision when private provision is over subscribed.
- Make sure that as much funding as possible actually reaches schools.
- Mainstream schools also employ people subject to the National Minimum Wage (NMW) and the impact is significant financially.
- Specifically for nursery schools/units: the NMW impacts on nursery schools/units and therefore the non-term time multiplier should not be reduced (*i.e. EY should see a 3.5% increase across the board*).
- Some comments requesting that the LA looks at the DSG as a whole in regards to sector allocation.
- Concern about the underfunding of vulnerable 2 year olds and also 3/4 year olds in the PVI sector.
- Special school: there should be less disparity between the Top Up levels (*i.e. any additional funding s/b allocated at the same rate for every pupil?*)