

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 10th October 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: High Needs Block Funding for 2017-18

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum the High Needs Block Funding proposals for 2017-18.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

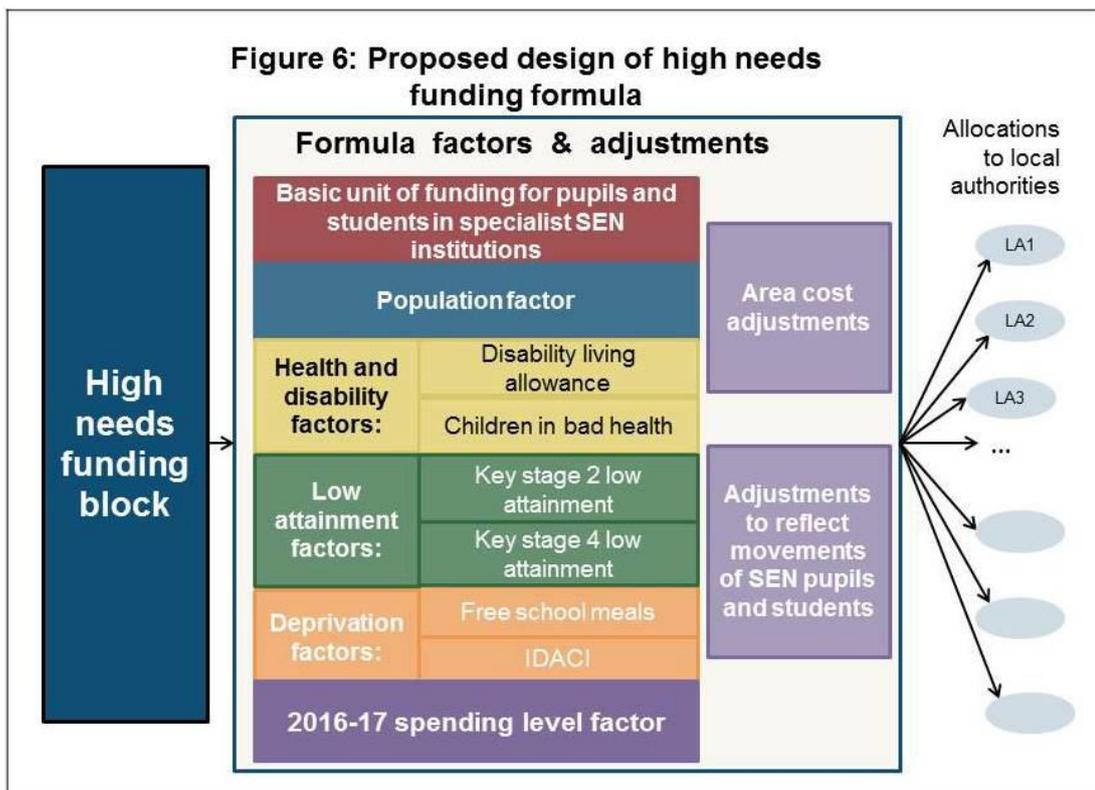
RECOMMENDED:

- (1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The DfE issued a Stage One consultation on High Needs Funding in March 2016 with proposals on how allocations to LA's would be calculated from April 2017. The basis of allocation to each LA is as follows:



It is unknown how this will impact on the funding Halton receives. The illustrative funding released in July simply gives the High Needs block at the same level as we have allocated budgets for 2016-17.

3.2 Further guidance regarding funding for 2017-18 is due to be released in September 2016 and will be tabled at the meeting.

3.3 An SEN Review is underway to look at how all High Needs Funding is allocated and used.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None