

**REPORT TO:** Schools Forum  
**DATE:** 23 January 2017  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division  
**SUBJECT:** The National Funding Formula

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report to the School Forum on the indicative Schools Block budgets for 2018-19 and 2019-20 and the National Funding Formula.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Stage 2 consultation was announced by the Department for Education on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 along with indicative schools block budgets.

The consultation closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 and work will start on this once Schools Block budgets are completed. A full report will be presented to Schools Forum in March.

Appendix A shows the indicative Schools block budgets using the NFF against the October 15 census data (as used to set the 2016-17 schools block budgets). We are showing the actual 2016-17 schools block budget, the 2018-19 indicative NFF budget for the transitional year and the 2019-20 indicative NFF budget without the transitional protection.

3.2 A decision has yet to be made on whether a consultation event will be held or whether the document will be circulated to schools and comments given to a sub-group of Schools Forum to formulate a response.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.