

REPORT TO: School Forum

DATE: 21st January 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division

SUBJECT: Additional Notional SEN funding

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 **To report to the School Forum the Additional Notional SEN funding criteria and allocations for 2013-14**

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

It was agreed at the June 2013 School Forum that a sub-group be set up to decide on qualifying criteria for Additional Notional SEN funding and allocations for 2013-14.

Under the new School Funding Regulations Local Authorities can provide additional targeted support to schools where it would be unreasonable to expect the first £6,000 of additional support for all high needs pupils to be provided due to an exceptional number of such pupils on roll.

Local Authorities are required to state the qualifying criteria and method of allocation on the School Block Pro-Forma to be submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) by 21st January 2014.

3.2 Sub-Group

The Sub-Group met on 29th November 2013 and discussed the eligibility criteria and options for funding methods.

3.3 Criteria adopted for Primary and Secondary Schools and Academies

- The Notional SEN budget for each school would be calculated at the agreed rate of 5% of total budget.
- The required Notional SEN budget would be calculated by counting the number of pupils in each school that receive enhanced provision support/statement support funded by the Local Authority and multiplying by £6,000 – the Notional SEN per pupil budget set by the EFA.
- Where a school has a Notional SEN budget that exceeds the required Notional SEN budget, no additional funding would be given.
- Where a school has a required Notional SEN budget exceeding the 5%

Notional SEN budget, the difference between the two figures would be funded.

Example:

- 3.4 School A has a total budget of £600,000
 The Notional SEN budget is therefore £30,000
 The school has 4 pupils receiving enhanced provision funding from the Local Authority so requires 4 x £6,000 of Notional SEN = £24,000
 As the school has a Notional SEN budget higher than the required Notional SEN budget (£30,000 compared to £24,000) then no further funding will be given.

School B has a total budget of £600,000
 The Notional SEN budget is therefore £30,000
 The school has 6 pupils receiving enhanced provision funding from the Local Authority so requires 6 x £6,000 of Notional SEN = £36,000
 As the school has a Notional SEN budget lower than the required Notional SEN budget (£30,000 compared to £36,000) then the school will receive an additional £6,000 of funding.

Timescale

- 3.5 This calculation will take place during the Autumn Term each year. Any additional bids from schools for further funding will be taken to the sub-group which aims to meet before the main School Forum meetings. Therefore, requests for additional funding will need to be submitted no later than three weeks before School Forum to allow time to assess eligibility and calculate funding before the meeting.

Early Years

- 3.6 Further work is to be undertaken on eligibility criteria for Early Years settings.

Additional Notional SEN for 2013-14

- 3.7 The following allocations were agreed at the sub-group as meeting the qualifying criteria:

School	5% Notional SEN budget	No of pupils	Required Notional SEN budget	Additional Notional SEN funding
St Edward's	£ 26,099	5	£ 30,000	£ 3,901
Weston Point	£ 27,042	5	£ 30,000	£ 2,958
Westfield	£ 32,744	10	£ 60,000	£ 27,256
Murdishaw West	£ 38,182	9	£ 54,000	£ 15,818
Simms Cross	£ 40,923	7	£ 48,000	£ 7,077
Our Lady of PS	£ 35,748	6	£ 36,000	£ 252
All Saints Upton	£ 37,201	7	£ 42,000	£ 4,799
St John Fisher	£ 39,081	10	£ 60,000	£ 20,919

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None