

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 12 June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: National Funding Formula and High Needs Funding

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report will be delivered by presentation and aims to provide members with an overview of the changes proposed through the introduction of a National Funding Formula and revised approach to funding High Needs.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members request a further update once the funding changes have been confirmed.**

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 DFE have undertaken a two phase consultation on the introduction of a National Funding Formula and High Needs Funding. The second phase of the consultation closed on 22nd March 2017.
- 3.2 To inform the consultation the DFE produced indicative budgets illustrating the estimated change to each schools individual budget in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. These illustrations showed that all Halton secondary schools would lose funding and a reduction in funding for 3 small primary schools.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

4.1 Children & Young People in Halton

It is essential that schools receive sufficient funding to enable them to focus on improving the outcomes for all children and young people across the borough.

4.2 Employment, Learning and Skills

None identified.

4.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

4.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

4.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

5.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

5.1 Some schools are already facing budget issues as their funding has not kept pace with inflation. The changes proposed may further impact on the sustainability of schools within the borough.

6.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

6.1 The DFE illustrations show significant losses for both secondary and a number of small schools should these funding changes be approved this will have a significant impact on the offer and sustainability of schools and the communities they serve.

7.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
DFE – Schools National Funding Formula - Government Consultation – Stage 2	DFE Website	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Education, Inclusion and Provision
DFE – High Needs National Funding Formula and Other reforms – Government Response and proposals for Consultation Stage 2	DFE Website	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Education, Inclusion and Provision