

CAMBRIDGESHIRE 2018/19 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

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REVISED SECTION 4

4.0 THE NFF FOR SCHOOLS AND THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE FORMULA 2018-19

- 4.1 Further to the November report to the Schools Forum setting out the proposals for the Cambridgeshire funding formula for 2018/19, final modelling on the school budgets has been completed during December and January. Taking into account the updated pupil numbers from the October census and the final DSG announcement there are no changes to the formula previously presented to the Schools Forum with one exception being the minimum funding guarantee (MFG).
- 4.2 The outcome of the final modelling **presented to the CYP Committee** was that there was headroom of £0.25m after applying the transfer to the High Needs Block of £0.7m. This headroom is calculated based on the difference between the Schools Block allocation and the modelling in the Authority Pro-forma Tool (APT).
- 4.3 The 2018/19 funding formula proposal was presented to and discussed at the Children and Young People's Committee on the 9 January 2018. The Committee were updated on the final modelling including £0.25m headroom, which was also considered. The Committee approved the formula and resolved that the headroom be used in the formula to raise the MFG to a higher level of protection providing additional transitional protection and time to adjust for those schools losing funding through the formula changes.

However since the Committee on the 9 January and the publication of this Forum paper further updates have been required to the APT model to take account of:

- a) Revisions to the business rates values included in the model; and**
- b) A revised Free School Meals data set released by the DfE to correct a central government error.**

The headroom in the APT model has therefore reduced to £38k. Applying the CYP Committee decision the MFG has been set at minus 1.26% in the funding formula for 2018/19 providing a slight increase in the protection (up from minus 1.5%) provided to those schools receiving the MFG.

- 4.4 The summary figures from the final APT are shown below with further detail provided in Appendix 1.

Cost v Funding of Full NFF Factors and Rates	£M
Pupil Led Factors (basic entitlement, deprivation, EAL, mobility, prior attainment)	311.0
Other Factors (rates, PFI, lump sum, area cost adjustment, sparsity, split sites, exceptional funding and minimum pupil levels)	32.0
Minimum Funding Guarantee	0.5
Funding Cap	(5.2)
Pupil Growth Fund	2.5
High Needs Transfer	0.7
TOTAL COST	341.5
FUNDING AVAILABLE FINAL	341.5

4.5 The impact of the cap and protection in the final formula is that:

- 40 schools are in receipt of MFG with MFG values ranging from £1,169 to £42,942;
- 121 schools are being capped in order to remain within the funding envelope with values ranging from £304 to £424,057. This figure is expected to reduce in subsequent years as the second year of the NFF allocations is rolled out by the DfE; and
- 83 schools are on formula and therefore not in receipt of any MFG or capping, which means these schools will be receiving exactly the funding generated through the formula.