

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (BAIP) DEVOLVED FUNDING FORMULA

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since 2010/11 funding has been devolved to secondary school Behaviour and Attendance Improvement Partnerships (BAIPs). The original funding quantum was created from the existing Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and learning base budgets which reflected the pupil numbers and level of need at the time.
- 1.2 Over the last 12 months there have been numerous discussions with BAIP leads as to the appropriateness of the current formula which is now considered out of date. Since its introduction school performance has changed, demographic change has created new pressures and the formula took no account of growth in pupil numbers with new schools opening. The formula was originally introduced over a three year period with staged changes. However, operational challenges at the time meant that the formula was frozen at the year two implementation and the final third and final change was never instituted.
- 1.3 Following the nationally prescribed changes to High Needs Funding there is also the revised treatment of commissioned places in PRU/learning base provision which results in place funding of £10,000 per place being directly allocated to the providers, thus reducing the remaining amount available for devolution.

2.0 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Work has been ongoing to establish a revised formula for the allocation of the funding to individual schools and BAIPs. However, to date it has proven difficult to reach a consensus of agreement on the methodology to be applied due to the resulting shifts in funding across the county.
- 2.2 However, before any further detailed work can be undertaken it is proposed to re-baseline the overall distribution quantum to reflect the increase in pupil numbers since the original devolution was introduced.

2.3

| 11-15 Pupil Numbers 2010/11 | 11-15 Pupil Numbers 2015/16 | Increase | % Increase |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 29,728 | 31,966 | 2,238 | 7.53 |

Applying this % increase to the quantum would result in an increase of approximately **£410,897**. It is therefore proposed to transfer 7/12ths of this amount (**£239,690**) from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block as part of the 2016/17 budget setting process. A further adjustment would need to be made as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process to reflect the full academic year.

- 2.4 This transfer will reduce the total distribution pot available through the Primary and Secondary Funding Formula in 2016/17 (and 2017/18). Alongside any other funding transfers and changes in other funding factors this will result in a reduction in the Basic Entitlement (or AWPU) funding value.

- 2.5 Once the final distribution total has been agreed further work will be undertaken with the BAIP leads and Cambridgeshire Secondary Heads (CSH) to agree the methodology to calculate allocations to individual schools and BAIPs.

3.0 ACTIONS

- 3.1 ***Schools Forum is asked to support the transfer of funding between the Schools Block and High Needs Block to reflect changes in the Secondary population since the introduction of the original BAIP devolution.***