

REPORT TO: Kingston Schools Forum

DATE: 18 June 2019

SUBJECT: 2019-20 Scheme for Financing Schools

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To present to the Forum with an updated Scheme for Financing Schools
- 1.2. To inform Forum of the directed revision made by the Secretary of State for Education instructing an amendment to all authority schemes effective as of 2nd February 2019
- 1.3. To inform Forum of the consultation results from its maintained schools.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Discusses the revised scheme for financing schools attached at Appendix A
- 2.2. Notes the directed revision to the scheme effective from 02nd February 2019
- 2.3. Agrees the revised scheme for financing schools attached at Appendix A.

3. Scheme for financing schools 2019/20

- 3.1. A revised scheme for financing schools is attached at appendix A. This contains all directed revisions and updates from the latest Department for Education (DfE) document; "Scheme for financing schools – Statutory guidance for local authorities (Issue 10)". A copy of the document is available on the DfE website. Page two of the document contains a list of recommended revisions.

4. Directed Revision 2019

- 4.1. The Secretary of State may by direction revise the whole or any part of the scheme from such a date as may be specified in the direction. In order to make a directed revision to schemes, the Secretary of State is required, by provisions in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to consult the relevant local authorities and other interested parties.
- 4.2. Certain amendments have been made to the wording included in some of the directed revisions, to reflect more recent policy positions. These are detail on page 2 of Appendix A.

5. Proposed changes

- 5.1. Following removal of the mechanism for the Local Authority to provide financial support to schools (from 22 March 2018) the scheme has been updated to remove the option for the Local Authority to loan money to schools.

- 5.2. The numbering within the scheme has been amended to mirror that now used in the statutory guidance - Schemes for financing local authority maintained schools.
- 5.3. The scheme has been updated to simplify the definition for the calculation of permissible level of contingency held within schools.

6. Consultation

- 6.1. It is a requirement that, with the exception of the directed revision, maintained schools be consulted on any change to the scheme and Schools Forum accepts the revised scheme for financing schools on behalf of maintained schools.
- 6.2. All maintained schools were consulted on the acceptance of changes to the scheme for financing schools. The results are included in the table below:

	Number of Schools	Percentage
Number of Schools who accept the changes	12	100%
Number of Schools who do not accept the changes	0	0%
Total number of schools responded	12	38%

- 6.3. Maintained school members of Forum, on behalf of its schools, are asked to approve the scheme for financing schools with effect from 2nd February 2019.

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