

Item 7

Update on 2019-20

Schools' Funding Forum

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Overview

DfE invited all LA Finance Officers to a “Policy Development” meeting

Also attended f40 FMRT meeting

Schools Block

- Broadly the same as set out in our presentation to the Forum on 1 December 2017
- Most substantial change is in relation to Growth, which will be set using a formulaic approach
 - Based on lagged pupil growth data
 - Measured at middle super output areas
 - Additional amount to recognise new schools
 - Protection/cap against large movements compared to 2018-19

Schools Block

- Still no solution for premises factors under a NFF.
- They have come up with a national solution for Mobility, but looking to introduce for 2020-21 once they have resolved delivery implications.
- 2019-20 PUFs, SUFs, illustrative LA and school level allocations are to be published in July.
- Final LA allocations to be published in December (which will include the NFF Growth allocation).

High Needs Block

- Broadly in line with our presentation of 1 December 2017
- Some minor tweaks around special free schools, hospital education and post 16
- Still able to transfer 0.5% of schools block to high needs to help meet pressure but ...
 - 2018-19 transfer is not being put into the baseline
 - If supported locally we can transfer 2 x 0.5%

Central Services Block

- We are expecting a small increase in line with pupil growth (capped nationally at 2.14%)
- Continued focus on historic commitments
 - No change in 2019-20
 - 2020-21 onwards, DfE set % reduction – very unhelpful!