

Item 4

2018-19 School Budget update

Schools' Funding Forum
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What happened after 1 Dec meeting?

- The Forum recommendations were considered at CYPE Cabinet Committee on 5 December – no changes
- Discussed recommendations with Leader and Cabinet – no changes
- Roger took the decision before Christmas
- School budgets calculated during January and February – obtained ESFA approval within this period

How far away are we from full NFF?

- We have fully implemented the NFF factors and rates except;
 - Minimum funding levels £100 less than NFF
 - Some of the AEN factors not yet at full NFF level e.g. Ever6FSM and Low Prior Attainment
 - Lump sum is £10k higher
- See handout for detail
- Area Cost Adjustment issue

2018-19 DSG settlement

- On 19 December we received our DSG settlement for 2018-19
- In relation to the Schools Block, we have been allocated £881.7m, which represents an increase of £42.3m (+5%) on 2017-18.
 - introduction of the NFF at £27.6m (+3.3%)
 - growth in pupil numbers at £14.7m (+1.7%)
- Further impact of introduction of NFF to follow (+£22.3m in 19-20 and +£12.2m once fully imp.)

Disparity between Local Authorities

	Primary		Secondary	
	PUF £	Rank	SUF £	Rank
London	£4,664	#1	£6,117	#1
West Midlands	£4,091	#2	£5,232	#3
North West	£4,070	#3	£5,225	#4
North East	£4,058	#4	£5,237	#2
Yorkshire and the Humber	£4,014	#5	£5,138	#5
East Midlands	£3,899	#6	£5,019	#7
East of England	£3,888	#7	£5,036	#6
South West	£3,840	#8	£4,895	#9
South East	£3,786	#9	£4,907	#8
ENGLAND	£4,058		£5,229	

Disparity between Local Authorities

	Primary			Secondary		
	PUF £	Rank	% to Kent	SUF £	Rank	% to Kent
Kent	£3,724	#139		£4,781	#141	
Essex	£3,777	#130	+1.4%	£4,976	#105	+4.1%
Bromley	£4,194	#34	+12.6%	£5,118	#78	+7.0%
Tower Hamlets	£5,893	#1	+58.2%	£7,806	#2	+63.3%

Summary

- Still concerns about disparity (locked-in inequalities)
 - NFF based on averages not real costs of running a school
 - £1.3bn increase, but some well funded LA's benefited from this
 - Failure of government to recognise interaction of Schools and High Needs block (ring-fencing)
 - NFF appears to be more about stability than fairness
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