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Tuesday, 14 September 2021 / 1.00 pm

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1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Items for Executive Member decision

- 3 School funding proposals for the 2022/23 financial year. (Pages 3 - 6) (Pages 3 - 6) Sally Dunn

To approve consultation with schools, academies and early years providers.

Any Other Business

- 4 Fostering Service Quarter 1 Performance Alan Tucker

- 5 Date of future formal meetings

- 5 October 2021
- 3 November 2021
- 7 December 2021

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Presenting Officers

Sally Dunn
Alan Tucker

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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

**2022/23 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FUNDING CONSULTATION APPROVAL
REQUEST**

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report provides an overview of the funding consultations which are required to be undertaken in respect of the use of the 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budgets to determine the budgets for schools, special schools and early years providers for the 2022/23 financial year. CYPS Executive Members, in conjunction with the Corporate Director – CYPS, are asked to provide approval for consultations to be undertaken as follows:

a. With mainstream schools and academies within North Yorkshire on:

- The level of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2022/23
- The methodology for the allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available after the application of the National Funding Formula (NFF) factor values in the North Yorkshire school funding formula for 2022/23

b. With special schools and academies within North Yorkshire on:

- The level of the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2022/23

c. With early years providers within North Yorkshire on:

- The early years provider base funding rates for 3 and 4 year olds (universal and extended entitlement) and disadvantaged 2 year olds for 2022/23

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) have provided information in July 2021 on indicative funding levels and funding formula changes for the DSG Schools Block, High Needs Block and Central School Services Block for 2022/23. It is envisaged that similar indicative funding information will be provided for the 2022/23 Early Years Block in early / mid Autumn 2021. The determination of budgets from the DSG funding sources for mainstream schools, special schools and early years' providers require local decisions, and associated consultation, to be undertaken on the funding formula elements in respect of the level of the MFG and early years' provider base funding rates. In addition, in previous years, mainstream schools and academies have been invited to provide their views on the methodology to be used for the allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available after the application of the NFF factor values in the North Yorkshire funding formula.

2.2 This report provides further information in relation to:

- Mainstream School Budgets – see section 3
- Special School Budgets – see section 4

- Early Years Provider Funding Rates – see section 5

3.0 2022/23 SCHOOL BUDGETS

3.1 On the 19th July 2021, the DfE announced the proposed school funding arrangements for the 2022/23 financial year indicating, nationally, an overall increase of 3.2% compared to 2021/22.

3.2 The key updates to the NFF for 2022/23 are as follows:

- The key factors in the NFF will increase by 3%;
- The minimum per pupil funding levels will ensure that every primary school receives at least £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525 per pupil. The minimum per pupil funding levels are mandatory in 2022/2023;
- Every school will be allocated at least 2% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to its 2021-22 NFF baseline;
- Local authorities are able to continue to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) in local formulae, which in 2022-23 must be between +0.5% and +2.0%;
- Additional funding for small and remote schools will increase by £10,000 in 2022-23, with an increase in the maximum sparsity value for primary schools from £45,000 to £55,000 (previously £26,000 in 2020/21) and for secondary schools from £70,000 to £80,000 (previously £67,600 in 2020/21). In addition, sparsity distances will be based on road distances, instead of “as the crow flies” distances, and a sparsity distance taper will be introduced, in addition to the existing year group size taper;
- Data on pupils who have been eligible for FSM6 will be taken from the October 2020 school census instead of the January 2020 census, to make the factor more up to date and bring it in line with arrangements for other NFF factors as well as the pupil premium;
- In calculating low prior attainment proportions, data from the 2019 early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) and key stage 2 (KS2) tests will be used as a proxy for the 2020 tests, following the cancellation of assessments due to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;
- Pupils who joined a school between January 2020 and May 2020 will attract funding for mobility based on their entry date, rather than by virtue of the May school census being their first census at the current school (the May 2020 census did not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic);
- Further to a DfE consultation earlier in 2021, schools business rates will be paid by ESFA to billing authorities directly on behalf of all state funded schools from 2022/23 onwards. The ESFA are yet to provide further details on the operation of this change.
- Local authorities continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with school’s forum approval. A disapplication request is required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without school’s forum approval.

3.3 The local authority intends to consult schools and academies within North Yorkshire on the following items:

- The level of the MFG for 2022-23
- The methodology for the allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available after the application of the NFF factor values in the North Yorkshire school funding formula.

The timescales for the consultation process are detailed in the table below:

Date	Process
14/09/2021	Approval obtained from CYPS Executive Members in conjunction with Corporate Director – CYPS to consult schools & academies
16/09/2021	School Funding Update report to Schools Forum including details of 2022/23 school funding consultation
20/09/2021 – 22/10/2021	Consultation with schools & academies on 2022/23 school funding arrangements
11/11/2021	Consultation feedback considered by Schools Forum
07/12/2021	Outcome of consultation considered by CYPS Executive Members in conjunction with Corporate Director and associated proposals approved
15/12/2021	Communication of consultation outcome and associated decisions to schools & academies
11/01/2022	Final Decision by Full Executive on Mainstream School and Academy Budgets 2022/23

4.0 2022/23 SPECIAL SCHOOL MFG

- 4.1 DfE have proposed a continuation of the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of 0% for 2022-23. The LA will consult special schools based on the DfE proposal and will also consider alternative MFG options to balance special school sustainability issues with general affordability within the High Needs Block overall.
- 4.2 The local authority intends to consult special schools and academies within North Yorkshire on the level of the special school MFG for 2022-23

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11/01/2022	Final Decision by Full Executive on the High Needs Budget 2022/23

5.0 2022/23 EARLY YEARS PROVIDER FUNDING RATES

- 5.1 At this stage, the DfE have not yet provided information on the local authority early years funding rates for 2022/23. It is envisaged that this information will be received in early / mid Autumn 2021. Once the 2022/23 funding rates are received from the DfE, the local authority intends to consult with early years providers within North Yorkshire on the level of provider base funding rates for 3 and 4 year olds (universal and

extended entitlement) and disadvantaged 2 year olds for 2022/23. The consultation is planned to be undertaken in the latter half of the Autumn 2021 term. The consultation results, and associated recommendations, will be reported to CYPS Executive Members and the Corporate Director CYPS in January / February 2022.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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