

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

CYPS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE TEACHERS PENSION EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION GRANT TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

FUNDING CONSULTATION APPROVAL REQUEST

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides an overview of the funding consultation required to be undertaken in respect of the distribution of the Department for Education (DfE) Teachers Pension Employer Contribution Grant 2024 (TPECG 24) for the 2024/25 financial year. CYPS Executive Members, in conjunction with the Corporate Director – CYPS, are asked to provide approval for a consultation to be undertaken with Special Schools and Alternative Provision (AP) Schools on the methodology to be used by the local authority for the distribution of the TPECG 24 to these establishments for the 2024/25 financial year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The DfE have announced the provision of £1.1 billion to support schools with the additional costs of the increase in the employer contribution rate of the teacher's pension scheme by 5% to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. This funding is being split between mainstream schools, special schools and alternative provision (AP), early years, and 16 to 19 provision. The split reflects relative pupil numbers, and core funding amounts, across these different types of provision. The funding is being allocated through the Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant 2024 (TPECG 24) for the 2024/25 financial year. The DfE aim to incorporate the grant into core budget allocations for 2025/2026 for mainstream schools with the funding being rolled into the schools national funding formula (NFF) for 2025/2026. The DfE have stated that confirmation will be provided in due course on how the high needs element of the TPEGC 24 funding will continue to be provided in 2025/2026.
- 2.2 The TPECG funding for local authority maintained mainstream schools is paid by the DfE to local authorities, who are required to pay the funding to individual schools at the published rates. The DfE pay the grant funding directly to mainstream academies at the published rates.
- 2.3 The TPECG funding allocation for Special Schools and AP (both LA maintained and academies) is paid to local authorities by the DfE. Local authorities have flexibility in how they pass on the funding allocations for special schools and AP schools to individual providers. This flexibility recognises that the teachers' pay costs faced by special schools and AP schools may vary between individual providers, depending in part on the complexity of the pupil needs that they serve. However, the DfE require

local authorities to comply with the following requirements in setting their local methodologies for how they will pass on the additional funding to schools they currently maintain, academies they previously maintained and free schools located in their area. Local authorities must:

- pass on 100% of TPEGC 24 funding to individual eligible schools.
- ensure that all eligible schools receive a funding allocation through TPEGC 24 in 2024/2025
- have transparent criteria to distribute funding to individual schools, treating academies and mainstream schools the same.
- consult with eligible schools before deciding their methodology for allocating TPEGC 24 funding.

2.4 The DfE TPEGC 24 funding rate for the 2024/2025 financial year for special schools and AP schools is £595 per place.

3.0 CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1 The local authority proposes to consult special schools and AP schools (LA maintained and academies) on the methodology for the local authority distribution of the TPEGC 24 funding to these establishments for the 2024/25 financial year. The indicative timescales for the consultation process are detailed in the table below:

Date	Process
09/09/2024 – 07/10/2024	Consultation with special schools & AP schools on the TPEGC 24 distribution methodology for the 2024/25 financial year.
29/10/2024	Consultation feedback considered CYPs Executive Members in conjunction with Corporate Director and decision of TPEGC distribution methodology for special schools & AP schools on the for the 2024/25 financial year.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The funding consultation considered in this paper is related to the DfE Teachers' Pay Additional Grant (TPAG). There is no direct impact on the Council's budget.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No specific legal implications are identified as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

6.0 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken in respect of the consultation detailed in this report.

7.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 A Climate Change Impact Assessments (CCIA) will be undertaken in respect of the consultation detailed in this report.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 CYPS Executive Members, in conjunction with the Corporate Director – CYPS are asked to provide approval for the consultation to be undertaken with Special Schools and Alternative Provision (AP) Schools on the methodology to be used by the local authority for the distribution of the TPECG 24 to these establishments for the 2024/25 financial year.

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