

Schools Forum

1 October 2020

2021-22 National Funding Formula and Budget Setting Timetable

This report relates to all members of Schools Forum.

Recommendations

Schools Forum is asked to:

- Note the timetable for agreeing allocations for DSG funded services for 2021-22 as set out in Appendix A.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to outline for Schools Forum the planned timetable for approving the use of Dedicated Schools Grant in Warwickshire in 2021-22. In noting the timetable the Forum should note that this is based on a 'steady state' approach given the significant move towards the implementation of the hard National Funding Formula made in 2018-19.
- 1.2. Schools Forum are reminded that it agreed, with councillor's approval, to move to the 'hard' National Funding Formula as soon as sufficient funding allowed.
- 1.3. If any information is released which suggests a revised approach is needed prior to the December meeting of the Schools Forum a note and revised timetable will be circulated to Forum members.

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Date	Responsibility	Process
2020		
1 October	Schools	Schools Census date.
12 October	WCC Finance	Send out consultation to schools on any changes to our National Funding Formula and de-delegation. Consultation will run for 5 weeks.
28 October		Final day for census data sent to the ESFA of numbers on roll in individual schools.
20 November	WCC Finance	Deadline for submitting any disapplication to the ESFA to move up to 0.5% of funding from the schools block to the high needs block. A disapplication was submitted for 2020-21 but was not supported by Schools Forum. The Secretary of State subsequently rejected the disapplication.
3 December	Schools Forum	Takes decisions needed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021-22 de-delegation • 2021-22 Schools Funding Formula • 2021-22 Formula Proposal from the Early Years Working Group
Mid December	ESFA	Authority Pro-forma Tool (APT) is sent to Local Authorities with October 2019 census data and indicative schools block DSG. At this point WCC Finance models the funding for individual schools.
2021		
18 January (To be confirmed)	WCC Finance	APT is sent back to ESFA outlining our proposed funding formula for 2019/20.
19 January	WCC Cabinet	Approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021-22 Schools Funding Formula • 2021-22 Early Years Funding Formula
End January	ESFA	Confirm our funding formula meets ESFA validation checks.
4 February	WCC Council	Agree the County Council's budget for 2021-22
Early February	WCC Finance	Send out individual mainstream schools budgets for 2021-22 together with indicative budget allocations for 2022-23 and 2023-24
18 March	Schools Forum	Agree detail of DSG Central Services Block allocations for 2021-22