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5 **MODELLING OF NEW SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2013-14**

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Modelling Options

Appendix 1: Comparison of Options to 2012-13 Revised Base

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BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: Modelling options
DATE: 20th June 2012
RECIPIENT: SCHOOLS' FORUM

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER**SUMMARY:**

1. This paper provides a summary of the school funding options that have been modelled so far, in order to determine how funding would be allocated from 2013-14.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2. The first task was to remove all elements from existing budget shares that would be funded under a different mechanism under the new funding reform. These areas include:
 - Funding added for primary review. An assumption has been made that this will be held as a separate contingency budget.
 - Funding for SEN units. This will be funded from the new High Needs Block.
 - Funding received from the EFA for post 16 pupils. Further guidance is awaited from the DfE on how this will be allocated.
3. Having now identified a new 2012-13 base we can begin to compare the various funding options against this.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED – OPTION 1:

4. The objective for option 1 was to, as much as possible, keep the level of 2012-13 funding the same for each element of the new formula, but use the new DfE supplied data for distribution.
5. The Key Issues with option 1:
 - DfE prior attainment data was supplied for one cohort only. This will shortly be updated to whole school cohorts.
 - The modelling is based on the October 2011 pupil count which created variances within the per pupil funding, this should be corrected by changes to the MFG calculation.
 - The new formula has to allocate the same lump sum to both Primary and Secondary schools. In order to allocate the same total funding for 2012-13 through this factor, the new rate becomes £118,000 for each school. This compares to £89,000 for primary and £189,000 for secondary in the existing formula. This issue alone will shift funding from secondary to primary.
 - Where schools would have received Real Term Protection in the past this has now been removed, this only applied to 2 secondary and 1 primary school
 - Under this option 44 out of 61 primary schools and 5 out of 12 secondary schools would achieve a higher level of funding (before MFG calculation) when compared to 2012-13.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED – OPTION 2:

6. The objective for option 2 was set at the first working group, who felt that the funding per pupil should be calculated at a rate of £3,000 for primary and £4,000 for secondary pupils. This moves a step closure to achieving DfE proposals of around £4,000 per pupil. It was also felt that there should be some recognition of the costs associated with Children Looked After.
7. The key issues with option 2:
 - Changing the amount per pupil moves a higher proportion of funding into the primary sector.
 - In order to fund the changes the lump sum rate has been reduced to £77,300 per school. DfE guidance sets the lump sum threshold between £100,000 and £150,000.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED – OPTION 3:

8. The objective for option 3 was set at the first working group, who felt that deprivation funding should be targeted at the children who would have at least a 30% chance of coming from a deprived family. The feeling was that the DfE proposed bandings were too wide.
9. The key issues with option 3:
 - This change will now target a higher level of funding to the most deprived and this creates a slight movement between sectors.

OTHER OPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED:

10. The DfE guidance recommends we achieve a per pupil amount of £4,000 per sector, this would result in 88% of the available funding being targeted in this way
11. If we add in a minimum £100,000 for lump sum this would result in 94% of available funding being allocated on a per pupil and lump sum basis.
12. The funding available therefore for deprivation and low cost high incidence SEN would be approx £6.9m or 6% of total budget compared to £21.6m or 18% as currently modelled.
13. We are investigating whether some of the SEN funding should be de-delegated to the High Needs block.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Appendix 1 Comparison of Options to 2012-13 Revised Base

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		Original 2012-13 Budget Shares	Revised 2012-13 Budget Shares Base		New Schools Funding Reform 2013-14						
DfE	Name	School Budget Position Before Changes in School Funding Reform	Total Adjustment for High Needs, EFA, Primary Review	NEW 2012-13 BASE (Including MFG)	Comparison of Each Option to 2012-13 Budget Shares and Balances Held						
		ORIGINAL 2012-13 BASE			Option 1	Variance Between Option 1 & 2012-13 Base	Option 2	Variance Between Option 2 & 2012-13 Base	Option 3	Variance Between Option 3 & 2012-13 Base	School Balances
4262	Regents Park Community College	£4,203,181	£0	£4,203,181	£4,204,883	£1,701	£4,044,806	(£158,375)	£4,021,525	(£181,657)	£1,051,543
4264	The Sholing Technology College	£4,857,824	£0	£4,857,824	£5,173,646	£315,821	£4,968,705	£110,880	£4,931,807	£73,983	£445,407
4270	Redbridge Community School	£5,912,039	(£83,382)	£5,828,657	£5,845,469	£16,812	£5,644,836	(£183,821)	£5,722,719	(£105,938)	£298,859
4271	Chamberlayne College for the Arts	£3,442,095	£0	£3,442,095	£3,215,735	(£226,359)	£3,080,978	(£361,117)	£3,066,966	(£375,129)	(£2,208)
<i>4275</i>	<i>Upper Shirley High School</i>	£3,531,508	£0	£3,531,508	£3,343,425	(£188,084)	£3,198,483	(£333,025)	£3,157,813	(£373,695)	£0
4278	Bitterne Park School	£7,603,614	(£657,231)	£6,946,383	£7,473,073	£526,690	£7,197,239	£250,856	£7,189,573	£243,190	£363,406
4306	Woodlands Community College	£4,301,564	£0	£4,301,564	£3,924,440	(£377,124)	£3,777,335	(£524,229)	£3,813,575	(£487,990)	£243,357
4311	Cantell Maths and Computing College	£5,856,064	(£33,473)	£5,822,591	£5,482,320	(£340,271)	£5,288,767	(£533,824)	£5,313,924	(£508,667)	£385,835
5415	St George Catholic Voluntary Aided College	£2,646,666	£0	£2,646,666	£2,525,455	(£121,211)	£2,407,137	(£239,529)	£2,404,885	(£241,781)	£171,323
5417	St Anne's Catholic School	£5,342,253	(£431,847)	£4,910,406	£4,928,745	£18,339	£4,726,961	(£183,446)	£4,715,576	(£194,830)	£162,190
6905	Lords Hill Academy	£4,297,847	£0	£4,297,847	£3,459,706	(£838,141)	£3,319,882	(£977,965)	£3,309,384	(£988,463)	£0
6906	Mayfield Academy	£4,216,465	£0	£4,216,463	£3,705,752	(£510,711)	£3,556,668	(£659,796)	£3,525,395	(£691,068)	£0
9999	Total School Summary	£56,211,122	(£1,205,933)	£55,005,187	£53,282,649	(£1,722,538)	£51,211,796	(£3,793,391)	£51,173,141	(£3,832,046)	£3,119,713
9999	Grand Totals Across Primary & Secondary	£121,555,060	(£2,340,484)	£119,214,575	£119,215,115	£540	£119,214,385	(£190)	£119,214,168	(£407)	£8,813,429

Note: Schools in italics are currently receiving MFG funding