



## **Appendix 1**

# **MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTORATE**

### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – CHANGES TO THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR SCHOOLS.**

- This document forms part of the consultation process on the proposed changes to the funding formula which delegates funding to schools within Monmouthshire.
- The relevant Welsh Government legislation that Monmouthshire Local Education Authority is bound by is:

**The Schools Budget Share (Wales) Regulations 2010.**

#### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

#### **CHANGES TO THE DELEGATION OF FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS WITHIN MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

Date of Issue: **21<sup>st</sup>September 2017**

Action Required: **9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

**Title of Document:** The Review of Funding for Schools in Monmouthshire Consultation Document.

**Audience:** All Head teachers of Monmouthshire Schools, Chairs of Governing Bodies of Monmouthshire Schools, The Schools Budget Forum, the Senior Management Team, the Departmental Management Team of the Children and Young People Directorate, Diocesan Directors of Education, and All Elected Members.

**Overview:** This document details the background that gave rise to the review of the current consultation on Schools funding and then outlines the new proposals for the distribution of this funding.

**Action Required:** A proforma (Appendix 1) is enclosed for your response. The completed form should be sent to the address below by the consultation closing date of **9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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**Related Documents:** The Schools Budget Shares (Wales) Regulations 2010

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1. The School Budget Forum agreed to review the formula every year and to look at potential changes to ensure the formula remains up to date and to ensure that it continues to distribute funding in the fairest way.
- 1.2. Following a meeting of the School Budget Funding Forum on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, members agreed to consult on the funding formula in relation to the distribution of funding for building maintenance for schools up to 10 years old.

## **2. Issues with current arrangements**

- 2.1. The current formula distributes funding for building maintenance using two methods of distribution:
  - a) Floor area of the school and a condition weighting between 1.0 – 1.4. The condition weighting is primarily driven by the age of the school.
  - b) Using pupil numbers and distributed as part of the Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) element of the formula.
- 2.2. The total budget for building maintenance is distributed 50% floor area and 50% via the (AWPU).
- 2.3. The only change to the formula for new schools is that the condition weighting is reduced to 1.0, however, in reality the building is covered by a number of guarantees for several years in most cases therefore this funding is either spent on other areas of school spend or carried into a surplus for the school.

## **3. Proposal.**

- 3.1 The proposal is to change the formula so that all new schools are not distributed funding for building maintenance for the first 5 years following the opening of the new school.
- 3.2 Years 6 – 10 would be funded at 50% of the funding, this is to recognise that some costs maybe incurred at this stage.
- 3.3 The 50% funding would still be distributed via the same method as detailed in paragraph 2.1, but the condition weighting would be reset to 1.0.
- 3.4 The reduction of the funding would be used towards the borrowing required to fund new schools, over the lifetime of the loan. This was agreed by Council in October 2016.
- 3.5 Details of the schools affected and the proposed funding reductions are outlined in appendix 2, these are based on the 2017 – 18 funding and assume a full financial year.

**Q1 – Do you agree with this proposal?**

**Q2. - If you do not agree with this proposal, do you have any other suggested method of reducing schools budgets to make the saving as outlined in appendix 1?**