

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO MOUNTON HOUSE SPECIAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA.

MEETING: CYP SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY 2019

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek the view of the CYP Select members regarding the consultation on the proposed changes to the funding formula for Mounton House Special School.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

To scrutinise the proposal and to provide feedback for the consultation.

3. KEY ISSUES:

Background

- 3.1 The funding formula for schools is regularly reviewed for schools to ensure that the funds are distributed fairly.
- 3.2 The consultation document attached in appendix 1 identifies the issues with the current formula and the reasons to make the changes.
- 3.3 The consultation document details the list of consultees this includes all elected members.
- 3.4 The consultation period is for 4 weeks and closes on 22nd February 2019 (noon).
- 3.5 The Headteacher has met with the CYP finance manager to discuss the proposal.
- 3.6 At the time of writing this paper no responses have been received, however all responses up to the closing date will be included in the cabinet paper for the meeting on 6th March 2019.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

This option was put forward given the recent reduction in pupil numbers at the school. The alternative would be to reduce funding for all Monmouthshire schools via a formula change, however all other schools are not facing the same reduction in pupil number and therefore this proposal was considered the preferable one.

5. REASONS:

Due to the reduction in pupil numbers this proposal seeks to reduce the funding for Mounton House Special School in line with this reduction.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be a saving of £275,000 which will not be re distributed to other schools, but will be used as a saving to offset the shortfall in the 2019-20 Monmouthshire County Council Budget.

7. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

This is included in appendix 4.

8. CONSULTEES:

All Headteachers
Chairs of Governing Bodies
Members of the School Budget Forum
Senior Leadership Team
Departmental Management Team
Diocesan Directors
All Elected Members.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Funding formula – Monmouthshire
The Schools Budget Share (Wales) Regulations 2010.

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