

SUBJECT:	Proposed changes to the schools funding formula for delegating funding to schools for pupils with additional learning needs.
MEETING:	Children and Young People Select Committee
DATE:	20th January 2022
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 all schools.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

3. KEY ISSUES:

Background

- 3.1 The funding formula for delegation of funding to schools for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) was last reviewed in 2009. The current formula delegates funding to schools in two ways, firstly a lump sum based on free school meals and secondly band funding which is funding delegated to individual or groups of pupils based on recommendations from the ALN panel.
- 3.2 This consultation only covers funding for pupils with ALN that attend a mainstream Monmouthshire school and does not include the delegated funding to the special resource bases, small class provision at King Henry VIII or placements in out of county or independent schools.
- 3.3 There is no proposal to reduce the funding for pupils with ALN, only to delegate it differently to schools.
- 3.4 These proposals have been considered by a working group consisting of Headteachers, ALN co-ordinators and representatives from CYP finance and ALN.
- 3.5 The consultation paper is attached at appendix A (English and Welsh)
- 3.6 The integrated impact assessment document is attached at appendix B (English and Welsh)

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

There were three options considered:

- 4.1 Status quo to make no changes to the formula, this was disregarded as it was felt that the current method is very bureaucratic and does not give schools the flexibility they require.
- 4.2 To consult on delegating funding using 70% on pupil numbers and 30% on current funding of band D's & E's in school. Band funding is for an individual pupil and is funded at £9,730 for Band D and Band E is funded at £14,595.
- 4.3 To consult on delegating funding using 80% on pupil numbers and 20% on current funding of band D's & E's in school. Band funding is for an individual pupil and is funded at £9,730 for Band D and Band E is funded at £14,595.

5. REASONS:

To ensure that the funding formula for schools distributes funding to all schools in the fairest way and provides the flexibility of support for schools.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resource implications, there are no proposals to reduce the budget only to distribute using a different formula.

7. CONSULTEES:

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Funding formula – Monmouthshire
The Schools Budget Share (Wales) Regulations 2010
ALN data
Recommendations from working group.

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