

SUBJECT: King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School Funding Formula
MEETING: Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee
DATE: 22nd November 2023.
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All.

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the committee of the comments received on the recent consultation to agree a formula for the new King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School in Abergavenny and to allow the committee to comment on the proposal as part of the consultation process.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members of the Committee scrutinise the proposals and the responses already received and provide comments on the proposals which will be considered by cabinet.

3 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School opened 1st September 2023, the school is currently based on two sites, the exiting secondary school site and the former Deri View primary school site. The new school is currently under construction and once completed in the autumn term of 2024 the whole school will relocate to the new building.
- 3.2 This is the first all through school for Monmouthshire and therefore no funding formula currently exists. The school budget forum agreed on 23rd March 2023 to consult on agreeing the funding formula.
- 3.3 The consultation opened on 12th September 2023 and closed on 24th October 2023. The Consultation paper is shown in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 In summary there are no proposed changes to the distribution via the age weighted pupil unit, this will remain the same for all schools. The only changes proposed to the premises funding is a reduction in maintenance funding due to the warranties in place for the building and equipment. This formula was agreed in 2017 and has been applied to all our new schools. The funding details are as follows:

Years 1 – 5 only funding for cyclical maintenance will be delegated,

years 6 – 10 50% of general maintenance and 100% of cyclical maintenance will be delegated and

Year 11+ funding will fall in line with all schools.

- 3.5 It is anticipated that the rates on the new school will increase significantly. Under the current regulations rates are funded at actual cost, a request for additional funding will be requested as part of the 2024-25 budget process to reflect this.
- 3.6 The proposal also reflects a larger management team: Headteacher, 2 non-teaching Deputy Headteachers and 7 teaching Assistant Headteachers. It is clear from some of the responses that this is an area of significant discussion. The current funding levels are detailed as part of the responses in Appendix 2.
- 3.7 The school will host two special resource bases, one in the lower school and one in the middle / secondary phase. There are no proposed changes to the funding formula for these, funding will be delegated in line with the current formula. Also, the formula currently used to delegate funding to mainstream pupils with ALN will remain the same.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total funding for other schools will not be affected by this change, there is no proposed reduction to school budgets. Any changes to the formula will not be implemented until April 2025 for the 2025-26 financial year.
- 4.2 The only request to increase the funding for the individual school's budget as a result of this will be for the additional charges for rates as a result of the increase in building value.

5. WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)

See attached in appendix 3.

8. CONSULTEES

DMT, School Budget Forum, All Headteachers, All Governing Bodies, All Elected Members and SLT.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Fair Funding Regulations 2018

Schools Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010

Section 52 (current formula distribution).

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