

**SUBJECT: King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School Funding Formula**  
**MEETING: CABINET**  
**DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**  
**DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All.**

## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet with the consultation feedback regarding the proposed fair funding formula for King Henry 3 – 19 School in Abergavenny.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve the proposed changes for King Henry 3 – 19 school with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

## **3 KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 King Henry VIII 3 – 19 School opened 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, the school is currently based on two sites, the existing 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 to consult on agreeing the funding formula.
- 3.3 The consultation opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and closed on 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 3.8 A total of 8 responses were received these are shown in appendix 2.

#### **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. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND 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).

#### **10. AUTHOR**

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