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Title:	Schools Funding and National Funding Formula Update
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Summary

This provides an update to the Schools Forum on the school budgets for 2018/19. This after applying the agreed funding formula (see background paper) to the December 2017 data set for schools in Buckinghamshire.

For Information Only –no decision or recommendation

Details

Overall the funding per pupil in Buckinghamshire has increased by 3.9% per pupil in 2018/19 however this has several caveats:

1. The 2018/19 funding includes funding for pupils in Additional Resource Provision (ARP) units in schools which was previously funded by the High Needs Block (HNB) funding. In total this is c £0.9m of funding at £4k per pupil. This is matched by a reduction in ARP funding through HNB though.
2. £157k of the increase is due to changes in business rates which are funded fully and therefore costs will also be increased to match this.
3. Funding is before the impact of pay progression for staff, inflationary increases in pay costs and non-pay costs. Any cash increase will therefore be offset by increases in costs.

Next steps

- The modelling tool for each school is being published by 12th January 2018. This will include the current funding formula plus modelling for the next two years.
- Formal Individual School Budgets are being published on the Schools Web when the DfE approve the final Authority Proforma Tool submission. This is anticipated by the end of January. We are not expecting any fundamental issues in the calculations being raised by the Department for Education.
- We are still awaiting the disapplication request for exceptional premises costs for the smallest schools. Budget tables have been prepared on the basis that this is not agreed. If it is agreed the smallest schools would receive some additional funding.

Appendix

The appended table provides a comparison for every school. This can be used for the purposes of budget forecasting by schools.

Background Papers

Cabinet Member Decision on Dedicated Schools Grant and Schools Funding December 2017

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6918>

2018/2019 funding update

This paper is provided for information only and illustrates the changes in funding from the current year to the new provisional funding year allocation including the modelling carried out during the Autumn Term. Please refer to the notes below for further information and any assumptions used.

Budget Shares (A – C)

The Budget shares are reflected in totality including protection, capping, minimum funding levels (where appropriate) and de-delegation.

Variance in Budget (D – F)

This shows the variance in Budget shares between the three different budgets.

Pupil Numbers (G – I)

Pupil numbers are based on the October 16 (2017/18 & 3.022) and October 17 (2018/19) Pupil Census.

MFG (J – L)

The MFG calculations are based on the usual calculations, protecting schools from losing no more than 1.5% per pupil per year. Schools are also capped where school exceed an agreed percentage (See Below).

Change in Business Rates (M)

Some schools have seen significant changes in their business rates, this is reflected in their budget shares and this should be taken in to account when looking at the variances. All changes to business rates funding are effectively cost neutral.

Final Budget 2017/18

The figures quoted are as used for the calculation of the 2017/18 budget. MFG cap 0.5%.

Model Budget 3.022

This is the last model produced based on 2017/18 data with the exception of schools with ARP's (highlighted) whereby ARP pupils are no longer excluded from formula funding. This has also taken in to account the anticipated level of DSG and moving factors towards the NFF rates. The MFG calculations are expressed as being for 2018/19, therefore including a further -1.5% reduction for schools on MFG. MFG cap 4.61%.

Provisional Budget 2018/19

The 2018/19 budget is currently awaiting DFE approval and should be taken as provisional until the final budgets have been published. We have also requested an exceptional factor for schools with less than 50 pupils to support the higher than average premises costs; this is not reflected in this funding and again is awaiting DFE approval. The assumptions are as per 3.022 unless otherwise stated. All data is based on the October 2017 census and reflects latest published schools block allocations less 650k transfer to high needs plus use of reserves to cover timing issues. MFG cap 4.93%.

School Name	Final Budget 2017/18 (A)	Model Budget 3.022 (B)	Provisional Budget 2018/19 (C)	Variance in Budget (B - A) (D)	Variance in Budget (C - A) (E)	Variance in Budget (C - B) (F)	Pupil No.s 2017/18 (G)	Pupil No.s 3.022 (H)	Pupil No.s 2018/19 (I)	MFG 2017/18 (J)	MFG 3.022 (K)	MFG 2018/19 (L)	Change in Business Rates (18/19-17/18) (M)	Notes
Green Ridge Academy	233,723	239,082	513,483	5,359	279,760	274,401	53	53	115	0	0	0	0	increase in pupils
INFANT SCHOOLS	24,749,994	25,465,990	25,000,454	715,996	250,460	-465,536	6,088	6,102	5,968	163,408	46,703	105,857	6,249	
JUNIOR SCHOOL	18,022,637	18,602,016	19,365,305	579,379	1,342,668	763,289	5,112	5,120	5,310	310,549	160,998	69,569	49,335	
COMBINED SCHOOLS	91,053,412	94,304,153	95,199,078	3,250,741	4,145,666	894,926	25,233	25,354	25,495	1,766,876	153,590	63,625	161,897	
PRIMARY ACADEMIES	22,195,671	22,919,423	23,541,083	723,753	1,345,413	621,660	6,116	6,128	6,300	194,270	-66,787	-68,730	-84,283	
PRIMARY TOTAL	156,021,714	161,291,583	163,105,921	5,269,869	7,084,207	1,814,338	42,549	42,704	43,073	2,435,103	294,504	170,322	133,198	
UPPER SCHOOLS	25,942,645	26,712,577	26,782,544	769,932	839,899	69,967	5,486	5,486	5,534	520,851	0	7,842	-77,468	
ACADEMIES	109,203,280	114,876,564	116,776,697	5,673,284	7,573,417	1,900,132	24,235	24,335	24,682	42,049	-294,504	-177,632	101,522	
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	135,145,926	141,589,142	143,559,241	6,443,216	8,413,315	1,970,099	29,721	29,821	30,216	562,900	-294,504	-169,790	24,055	
ALL SCHOOLS	291,167,639	302,880,724	306,665,162	11,713,085	15,497,522	3,784,438	72,270	72,525	73,289	2,998,004	0	531	157,253	