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DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION - WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2018

<p>List published 11 January 2018 Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on 18 January 2018</p>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Declarations of Interest	There were none.	
2. Questions from County Councillors	Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak to Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles	
3. Petitions and Public Address	Councillor Emma Turnbull	
<p>4. Formal Approval of Schools Funding Formula 2018-19</p> <p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2017/103</i> <i>Contact: Sarah Fogden, Finance Business Partner Tel: 07557 082613</i></p> <p>Report by Director for Children's Services (CMDPHE4).</p> <p>The final funding formula for schools and academies for 2018-2019 needs to be formally approved politically before submission to the DfE by 19 January. Schools Forum has been consulted in development of the funding formula for 2018-19 as a statutory consultee, but the decision on the final formula is made by the local authority, after considering</p>		

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Schools Forum views. <i>The Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education is RECOMMENDED to approve the final funding formula for 2018-19.</i>	Recommendations Agreed	DF (S. Fogden)

Question from Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak

Agenda item 4

The report states

“These protections and the increase in funding to Oxfordshire of £7m mean that the numbers published by the DfE show all Oxfordshire Schools gaining under the proposed National Funding Formula. This results in individual school budgets showing gains in a range of 0.2% to 2.9%.”

Question

Can I please have a full analysis of the funding for Henley schools for 18/19/20?

It states above that gain will be between 0.2% to 2.9%. If inflation is running at 2.8% and there is a teachers' pay settlement of 2% i.e. Total 4.8%. Does this not mean that school funding in real terms has been cut by the National Funding Formula?

Answer:

The National Funding Formula allocation for Henley Schools as published by the DfE in September 2017 was as follows:

School Name	Phase	The school's	In the first year of the NFF local authorities		In the second year of the NFF LAs will			
		baseline funding (2017-18)	Notional NFF funding in 2018-19 (year)		Illustrative NFF funding in 2019-20 (year)			
			Notional total NFF funding in 2018-19	Percentage change compared to baseline	Percentage change in pupil-led funding	Illustrative total NFF funding in 2019-20	Percentage change compared to baseline	Percentage change in pupil-led funding
		[a]	[c]	$[d] = [c]/[a] - 1$		[e]	$[f] = [e] / [a] - 1$	
Badgemore Primary School	Primary	£512,000	£514,000	0.4%	0.5%	£516,000	0.8%	1.0%
GILLOTT'S SCHOOL	Secondary	£3,811,000	£3,878,000	1.8%	1.8%	£3,878,000	1.8%	1.8%
Nettlebed Community P.S.	Primary	£528,000	£530,000	0.4%	0.5%	£532,000	0.7%	1.0%
Peppard C.E. Primary	Primary	£432,000	£434,000	0.4%	0.5%	£435,000	0.7%	1.0%
Sacred Heart School	Primary	£665,000	£668,000	0.4%	0.5%	£671,000	0.8%	1.0%
Shiplake CE School	Primary	£736,000	£739,000	0.4%	0.5%	£742,000	0.8%	1.0%
Stoke Row CE Primary School	Primary	£411,000	£412,000	0.4%	0.5%	£413,000	0.7%	1.0%
Trinity CE Primary School	Primary	£1,009,000	£1,016,000	0.7%	0.8%	£1,018,000	0.9%	1.0%
VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL	Primary	£766,000	£771,000	0.6%	0.7%	£772,000	0.8%	1.0%

The numbers above are based on October 2016 census data.

The outcome of the consultation with Oxfordshire schools was to move to implement the National Funding Formula from 2018-19.

The delegated decision is to obtain agreement for the Oxfordshire funding model. The decision is not made with specific budgets to ensure that the model is approved, not the budgets it generates for individual schools. At this stage, individual school budgets are not published.

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The Annex to the report therefore lists the unit values of each of the factors used in the formula. The model is submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for scrutiny by the deadline of 19 January 2018. Schools are informed of budgets after this ESFA scrutiny. School budget shares will be published on the intranet as promptly as possible following approval of the model by the DfE. (The official deadline for publication is 28 February 2018, but schools' budgets have been released considerably earlier than this in Oxfordshire).

As Oxfordshire is proposing to adopt the National Funding Formula, school budgets will be in line with the NFF allocations published by the DfE (see the extracted table for Henley Schools above). There may be differences as the budget for 2018-19 reflects pupil data gathered in the October 2017 census. The DfE published new data on 19 December reflecting the numbers and characteristics of the pupils in a School as at October 2017. Applying this more recent data means that the school budget can vary from the published National Funding Formula position.

The following are extracts from Justine Greenings statement on 14 September 2017 which demonstrate the additional funding put into Schools:

In my statement to the House on 17 July, I set out my Department's plans to increase spending on schools by £1.3 billion over the next two years, on top of our existing plans.

I informed the House that this would mean that we could press ahead with introducing a national funding formula for schools and high needs from April 2018 that would provide a per pupil cash increase in respect of every school and every local area, and maintain the overall budget in real terms, per pupil.....

As I said to the House in July, I am putting an additional £1.3 billion into core funding for schools and high needs so that the overall budget will now rise by around £2.6 billion in total, from almost £41 billion in 2017-18 to around £42.4 billion in 2018-19 and £43.5 billion in 2019-20.

The National Funding Formula allocates the funding to Schools and Local Authorities based on pupil numbers, additional need factors, an Area Cost Adjustment, a minimum funding increase and a cap on gains (as set out in the report). It is these factors that determine the individual school allocations, and therefore the percentage increase in school budgets.