



Lewisham Schools Forum

Report title:

**DSG 2022/23 – Report 3 of 3 –
Authority Proforma Tool (APT) (Schools Funding Formula)
2022/23**

Date: 20th January 2022

Outline and recommendations

This report is formed on the basis of the mandate agreed with schools forum at its meeting on the 16th December and the funding settlement as detailed in Report 1 – elsewhere on the agenda.

Two options are proposed for consideration

- *Option 1 – Provides schools with a maximised Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of 2% and leaving a residual £709,742 (0.3%) to support pressures in the High Needs Block.*
- *Option 2 – Provides schools with 1.75% MFG and enables the maximum £1.057m transfer to High Needs Block to support the pressures.*

School Improvement and Brokerage Grant

Meeting of the 16th December 2021, Schools forum was advised of the partial withdrawal of the School Improvement and Brokerage Grant. A more detailed report 2 of 3 – details the work undertaken by Lewisham Learning to support Schools.

Schools Forum is asked to consider increased de-delegation to support the fallout which will requires £5.25 per pupil from maintained primary and secondary phase schools.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

APT submission to Department for Education (DfE)

- *Following this meeting, Lewisham Council will submit the APT to the DfE for approval. Until the point DfE has approved the submission, the content must be noted as provisional.*
- *Schools will be updated with the final funding by the 28th February 2022, in line with statutory requirements.*
- *Series of meetings will be held with schools to explain the detail of the 2022/23 funding. Schools will also be provided with a comprehensive “tool kit” comprising Funding tool, Salaries Spreadsheet and Budget Planner (incorporating Metrics Management) as part of the funding information.*

School Improvement and Brokerage Grant

- On the basis Schools Forum supports the de-delegation request, no further action will be required.
- If the request is not supported, an exit strategy would be actioned with immediate effect to ensure spend for 2022/23 is within budget allocations and will have implications for the LA's ability to support schools.

Purpose of report

1. The report provides summarised information to enable schools forum to determine the 2022/23 schools budget for funding supporting 5 to 16 age group. The same formula is applied for all maintained and academy schools.

APT tool and the role of the MFG

2. “APT tool” –Authority Pro-forma Tool, is required to be submitted to the DfE on the 21st of January 2022, i.e. day after forum meeting. This report enables Schools forum to consider option for submission.
3. The options are constructed on the principles agreed with schools forum at its meeting on the 16th December 2021, and within the overall affordability of the funding settlement (see Part 1 of reports).
4. DfE guidelines enable Local Authorities to submit the APT in consultation with Schools. The formula remains the overall responsibility of the Local Authority. DfE expects funding formula to provide between 0.5% (minimum) to 2% (maximum) Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG).
5. MFG is effectively “floor”, meaning that no school would receive lower than the minimum uplift. No upper limit on gains – also known as “ceilings” has been applied, which means that if a school has received an increase in excess of the MFG level, then that would be a consequence of the changes in the schools demographics and therefore reduced or no reliance on the MFG protection.

Unit rates applied

6. Table 1 below shows the unit rates applied for each factor under the national funding formula. Schools Forum will note that all rates have been uplifted by 3% relative to 2021/22 funding levels.
7. Please note that split sites, PFI and NNDR are local factors.

Table 1

Factors	2021/22	2022/23	Difference	%
AWPU Primary	£3,697.04	£3,816.10	£119.06	3%
AWPU Key Stage 3	£5,213.50	£5,380.74	£167.24	3%
AWPU Key Stage 4	£5,875.25	£6,064.01	£188.76	3%
	Primary			
FSM	£544.55	£557.53	£12.98	2%
FSM6	£680.69	£699.88	£19.18	3%
IDACI Band F	£254.52	£260.97	£6.45	3%
IDACI Band E	£307.79	£320.28	£12.49	4%
IDACI Band D	£485.36	£498.22	£12.85	3%
IDACI Band C	£526.80	£545.67	£18.87	4%
IDACI Band B	£562.31	£581.25	£18.94	3%
IDACI Band A	£733.96	£759.19	£25.22	3%
EAL 3 Primary	£651.10	£670.22	£19.12	3%
Mobility	£1,065.43	£1,097.26	£31.83	3%
Low prior attainment	£1,296.27	£1,340.44	£44.17	3%
	Secondary			
FSM	£544.55	£557.53	£12.98	2%
FSM6	£994.40	£1,026.09	£31.69	3%
IDACI Band F	£366.98	£379.59	£12.61	3%
IDACI Band E	£491.28	£504.15	£12.87	3%
IDACI Band D	£686.61	£705.81	£19.20	3%
IDACI Band C	£745.80	£771.05	£25.25	3%
IDACI Band B	£804.99	£830.36	£25.37	3%
IDACI Band A	£1,024.00	£1,055.74	£31.75	3%
EAL 3	£1,757.96	£1,814.93	£56.97	3%
Mobility	£1,527.11	£1,577.69	£50.57	3%
Low prior attainment	£1,965.12	£2,028.45	£63.33	3%
Lump Sum (primary and secondary)	£139,452.82	£143,889.70	£4,436.88	3%

Demographic Changes

8. Table 2 below shows the changes in demographics and overall characteristics. Items highlighted are of specific interest. It should however be noted that some conclusions from the table will be distorted by the overall movement in pupil numbers.
9. Pupil numbers for Primary sector have reduced by 1020 which represents approximately 4% of the primary age population. Pupils in Secondary Phase are much more stable.
10. Mobility appears to be increasing as does the level of FSM take up. The table confirms the expected changes in trends, which potentially have their roots from the implications arising from both Brexit and Covid.

Table 2

Factors	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	Variance 2022/23 V 2021/22		Percentage	
AWPU Primary	24,049		23,029		(1,020)		-4.24%	
AWPU Key Stage 3	6,888		7,013		125		1.82%	
AWPU Key Stage 4	4,486		4,393		(93)		-2.07%	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
FSM	5,035	2,849	5,428	3,322	394	473	7.82%	16.6%
FSM6	6,267	4,489	6,196	4,418	(71)	(71)	-1.13%	-1.6%
IDACI Band F	5,171	2,241	4,982	2,264	(189)	23	-3.66%	1.0%
IDACI Band E	5,663	2,789	5,452	2,830	(211)	41	-3.72%	1.5%
IDACI Band D	3,329	1,697	3,105	1,683	(223)	(14)	-6.71%	-0.8%
IDACI Band C	2,114	1,229	1,993	1,173	(121)	(56)	-5.71%	-4.6%
IDACI Band B	1,870	1,147	1,786	1,146	(84)	(1)	-4.47%	-0.1%
IDACI Band A	10	11	9	13	(1)	2	-10.32%	17.6%
EAL 3	4,787	471	4,484	449	(303)	(22)	-6.33%	-4.7%
Mobility	97	1	131	25	34	24	34.83%	3113.0%
Low prior attainment	5,326	2,665	5,178	2,666	(148)	1	-2.79%	0.0%
MFG support (no. of schools)	75		61		(14)			

Option 1 – MFG applied at 2% maximum v Option 2

11. Table 3 below summarises the difference between the 2 options. Appendix A provides school by school position for Option 1, Appendix B provides school by schools analysis for Option 2 and Appendix C provides a comparison between the two options. It should be noted that schools who are now outside of MFG (i.e. total of 18 schools will not be impacted by either option).

Table 3

	Option 1		Option 2		Variance
	£	%		%	
APT	£220,359,368	99.68%	£220,011,754	99.52%	-£347,614
Transfer request to HNB	£709,742	0.32%	£1,057,356	0.48%	£347,614
Total	£221,069,110	100.00%	£221,069,110	100.00%	£0

12. Overall the difference between the 2 options is £347k which is 0.16% of the overall allocation.

De-Delegation

13. Table 4 below shows the 2022/23 de-delegation levels in line with the overall principles agreed at the meeting of the 16th December 2022. Table 5 shows the additional funding that would be required at £5.25 per pupil to support the additional request of £150k to support the fallout from the school improvement and brokerage grant.

Table 4

2022/23 De-Delegation Levels						
	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	
Schools contingency	£401,724	£155,880	£557,604	£19.48	£19.58	awpu
Free school meals eligibility	£39,356	£22,278	£61,634	£7.44	£7.59	fsm6
Licences/ subscriptions	£128,657	£47,829	£176,486	£6.24	£6.01	awpu
Staff costs supply cover	£812,304	£315,196	£1,127,500	£39.38	£39.58	awpu
Lewisham Learning	£216,134	£83,866	£300,000	£10.48	£10.53	awpu
Totals	£1,598,174	£625,050	£2,223,224			
uplifted for inflation at 2.5%						
based on actual advised by dfe for licences						

Table 5

School Improvement and Brokerage Grant			
	Primary	Secondary	Total
Pupil Numbers	20,626	7,963	28,589
Total Funding per phase	108,220	41,780	150,000
Per Pupil	£5.25	£5.25	

Conclusion and Recommendation

14. Schools forum is asked to consider the content of this report and recommend either Option 1 or 2 for approval. As part of the consideration Schools forum is asked to note the difference between the two options is £347k representing a de-minimis of 0.16% of the overall budget. – All primary and secondary age schools voting
15. Additionally, Schools forum is asked to consider the additional request for support to facilitate the continued support of Lewisham Learning as noted in table 5 – Voting for Maintained Primary and Secondary schools.

Financial Implications

16. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Option 2 better supports the financial challenges facing the high needs block

Equalities Impact

17. There are no equalities implications arising from this report

Legal Implications

18. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

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