

## **Consultation on the 2016/17 School & Early Years Local Funding Formula**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide an overview of the consultation proposals for the 2016/17 School and Early Years funding.

### **2. Background**

The government hasn't made any changes to the funding formula for 2016/17 therefore there are very few changes to be incorporated into the consultation. The schools block per pupil unit of funding will be the same as 2015/16 and will include the additional £0.9m the Authority received as part of the Fairer Funding for Schools allocation. The gains cap will be removed for 2016/17.

The Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) will form part of the consultation for 2016/17. There are five factors within the formula and all have changes proposed.

### **3. Changes Proposed**

#### Schools Block

- Removal of the gains cap
- Increase to the primary lump sum

#### Early Years Block

- Decrease in the base hourly rate for 2 year olds
- Increase in the base hourly rate for 3-4 year olds
- Decrease in the base hourly rate for deprivation
- Cessation of the meal allowance (part of the deprivation factor)
- Cessation of the sustainability factor

### **4. Recommendation**

That the Schools Forum:

- note the contents of the report
- agree on the content and approach to be adopted for the consultation

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