

## **EARLY YEARS AND SCHOOL FUNDING 2017-18: ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides the Schools Forum with an analysis of the responses to the consultation on the local funding formula for 2017-18. This analysis should be used to inform their decisions regarding the recommended changes to the local funding formula for 2017-18, which will be reported to the County Council's Policy Committee for approval.

### **Information and Advice**

2. As outlined in the School Finance (2014) regulations, the local authority is required to consult its Schools Forum and its maintained schools, academies and any other parties affected by any proposed changes to the local funding formula, taking into account the permitted factors, criteria and regulations prescribed by the Education Funding Agency (EFA).
3. At the Schools Forum meeting on 20 October 2016 a draft consultation document was presented. This was agreed and the formal consultation on the proposals was held from 26 October 2016 to 18 November 2016.

### **Consultation responses**

4. A total of 45 responses were received to the consultation which was a response rate of only 5.1%. This reflects the low level of change proposed in the consultation.
5. An analysis of the responses received, along with the comments for each question are attached as **Appendix A**. Note that questions 1 to 4 asked about the person completing the response, so the appendix begins with question 5. The majority response of all those who expressed an opinion was in favour for each proposal.
6. Schools Forum members are recommended to consider this analysis and use it to inform their decisions on the local funding formula for 2017-18 which will be recommended for approval by the County Council's Policy Committee in January 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

### **That the Schools Forum:**

- 1) Note the contents of the report; and
- 2) Consider the analysis of the consultation responses and comments received and use this to inform their decision on the recommended local funding formula for 2017-18.

**Tamsin Rabbitts**

**Senior Finance Business Partner – Children, Families & Cultural Services**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:**

Tamsin Rabbitts

T: 0115 977 3427

E: [tamsin.rabbitts@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:tamsin.rabbitts@nottsc.gov.uk)