

2018 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS

Purpose of the Report

To inform Schools Forum that a review of the Nottinghamshire Scheme for Financing Schools is to take place.

Information and Advice

1. Local authorities are required to publish a Scheme for Financing Schools, setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain. The DfE publishes statutory guidance which lists the provisions which a local authority's scheme must, should or may include.
2. The Nottinghamshire Scheme for Financing Schools was last updated in 2013. The DfE has made changes to the available guidance since then and a number of changes are required to bring the Nottinghamshire Scheme for Financing Schools in line with the DfE guidance.
3. The DfE guidance states that, in making any changes to their schemes, local authorities must consult all maintained schools in their area and receive the approval of the members of their Schools Forum representing maintained schools.
4. Where the Secretary of State directs a change to be made to the Scheme this does not require consultation or approval from members of their Schools Forum representing maintained schools.
5. Most of the proposed changes are the result of bringing the Nottinghamshire scheme in line with DfE guidance.

Action to be Taken

6. A consultation will need to be carried out with all maintained schools and the responses brought back to a future meeting of the Schools Forum to be voted upon by the members of the forum representing maintained schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Forum:

1. Notes the content of this report and considers any action it may require prior to the consultation taking place.

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