

## Appendix A – Proposed Consultation Document

### 2022-23 North Northamptonshire Council Schools Budget Consultation

Duration of Consultation: 5 November to 3 December 2021

#### Overview

This consultation provides an opportunity for North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) to engage with all primary and secondary schools, both maintained and academies about the principles of the local school funding formula for 2022-23.

Based on **the provisional allocations** for the total Dedicated Schools Grant allocation, North Northamptonshire schools will gain £9m overall in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22.

	2021-22 DSG Allocation	Provisional 2022-23 NFF Allocation	Change	% Change
	£	£	£	%
Schools Block	244,805,438	250,375,503	5,570,065	2.28%
Central School Services Block	3,908,081	3,550,399	-357,682	-9.15%
High Needs Block	45,504,413	49,363,187	3,858,774	8.48%
<b>Total DSG Allocation</b>	<b>294,217,932</b>	<b>303,289,088</b>	<b>9,071,156</b>	<b>3.08%</b>

The Department for Education has increased the NNC Schools Block funding by £5.5m (2.28%) in 2022-23. The comparison of the NFF provisional allocation against 2021-22 Schools APT is on Appendix B.

Modelling the full increase of 2% MFG using the NFF ACA (area cost adjustment) adjusted rates shows that all schools except for one could expect to see a per pupil increase between 0.7% and 8.47% in 2022-23 as compared to their 2021-22 budget share. With the exception of one school, the minimum increase is £6.7k, the maximum is £255.6k and the average increase is £50.2k.

The NNC schools funding formula will mirror the DfE's national funding formula as closely as possible. It may not be possible to mirror it completely due to the funding formula costing more than the funding allocation.

The first purpose of the consultation is to seek schools views on the principles for dealing with a potential variance between the Dedicated Schools Grant funding allocation and the cost of the local mainstream (primary, secondary and all-through) schools funding formulae for 2022-23.

If we need to balance the funding formula to our local resources following the final settlement in December 2021, which option would schools prefer. It is important schools read the paper **Appendix C - LA Commissioned Outreach Services: Proposed funding from 1 April 2022** prior to making their choice of option as this paper sets out the impact of both options.

In attempting to mitigate the spiralling High Needs Block deficit, the two options were modelled using the ESFA provided “Authority Proforma Tool” (APT). Both option models have applied assumptions based on:

- Growth funding for 2022-23 remains the same as 2021-22 i.e. £1.339M
- All schools are guaranteed the minimum per pupil funding of :

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level
£4,265.00	£5,321.00	£5,831.00	£5,525.00

- Minimum funding guarantee of 2%
- Two different modelled options:

ASSUMPTIONS USED:	OPTION A	OPTION B
1. 2022-23 GROWTH FUNDING RECEIVED	£1.339M	£1.339M
2a. TRANSFER % SCHOOLS BLOCK TO HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	0.50%	1.31%
2b. TRANSFER AMOUNT SCHOOLS BLOCK TO HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	£1.258M	£3.297M
3. MFG SET AT	2.00%	2.00%
4. INCREASES CAP AT	100.00%	2.00%
5. ALL CAPPED INCREASES SCALE BY	100%	100%
6. GROWTH FUND BUDGET FOR 2022-23	£0.892M	£0.717M

**It is essential to point out that Option B will allow for the continuation of specialist support and sensory impairment services (See Appendix C). Option B allows for the funding of these services to continue as outlined in the paper. Should schools determine that Option A is their preferred choice then without an alternative means of funding (outlined in Appendix C) these services will cease to be delivered in their current form.**

In addition to the balancing mechanism for the schools formula funding we have a significant number of other important areas of the schools budgets on which we need to consult with schools for 2022-23. For each of these areas there are separate reports attached to this paper as separate appendices. These subjects are listed below:

- Appendix C** – LA Commissioned Outreach Services
- Appendix D** – Split Site Funding Policy
- Appendix E** – Pupil Growth Fund
- Appendix F** – Permanent Exclusion Clawback Policy
- Appendix G** – Central School Services Block
- Appendix H** – De-delegation for Trade Union Facility Time
- Appendix I** – De-delegation for School Effectiveness
- Appendix J** – De-delegation for Redundancy Costs

### **Who is this consultation for?**

This consultation is for all maintained and academy schools in North Northamptonshire. There is a specific focus on the local funding formula for mainstream schools, so it will be most relevant for primary and secondary mainstream schools.

### **Responding to the consultation**

Please only make one submission per school DfE number.

To respond to this consultation, please email [finschoolsnorth@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:finschoolsnorth@northnorthants.gov.uk)

The appendix to this consultation document provides an indicative financial summary by individual school for each of the consultation proposals.

Schools should note that all values are illustrative based on the DfE provisional allocation and values are likely to change when the final allocation is confirmed in December 2021.

In addition, the data used in the financial modelling is based on the same data used to create the 2021-22 schools budgets plus an estimate of growth as the schools census data from October 2021 will not be available until December 2021.

### **Enquiries**

North Northamptonshire Schools Funding Team can be contacted through the following email address:

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### **Deadline**

The deadline for this consultation is **3 December 2021 at 11:59pm**.

### **Responses**

The consultation feedback will be shared with [Schools Forum at the December 2021 meeting](#) and used to inform the schools funding formula for 2022-23.

School:

DFE Number:

## Schools Funding Consultation Questions

- 1) Which funding formula option would you prefer North Northamptonshire Schools Forum to adopt?

Options	Please tick one	Comments
<b>Option A –</b> Transfer 0.5% from Schools Block to High Needs Block		
<b>Option B –</b> Transfer 1.31% from Schools Block to High Needs Block		

- 2) If the funding formula needs to be brought into balance the overall cost, which methodology would you prefer NNC use?
- A reduction of the floor (minimum funding guarantee per pupil)
  - A cap on per pupil increases
  - Other – please provide details
  - Comments please use this space for any further comments you would like to make.
- 3) With regards to the LA Commissioned Outreach Services paper which option do you support:
- Option 1
  - Option 2
  - Option 3
  - Other – please provide details
  - Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make



- 4) Split Site Policy: Do you agree with rolling forward the split site policy from NCC
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
  
- 5) Split Site Rates: Do you agree with using the 2021-22 split site rates
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
  
- 6) Growth Fund Policy: Do you agree with rolling forward the growth fund policy from NCC
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
  
- 7) Growth Funding Rates: Do you agree with using the 2021-22 growth fund rates?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
  
- 8) Permanent Exclusion Clawback Policy: Do you agree with the change from previous NCC clawback policy, to bring NNC onto the clawback as set out in the legislation?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make



- 9) Central: Are you in favour of the continuation of the central services that are partly funded by the dedicated services grant?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
- 10) De-delegation for Trade Union Facility Time: Do you support the proposed continuation of this de-delegation and the rate proposed?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
- 11) De-delegation for School Effectiveness: Do you support the proposed continuation of this de-delegation and the rate proposed?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make
- 12) De-delegation for Redundancy Costs: Do you support the proposed continuation of this de-delegation and the rate proposed?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
  - c) Other – please provide details
  - d) Comments - please use this space for any comments you would like to make

Response to the consultation submitted by:

Name:

Title:

Email address: