

Meeting:	Funding Formula Working Group
Date:	Friday 6th July 2018
Time:	10.00-10.30
Venue:	Wellshurst Golf Club, Horam,
Attendees:	Jane Johnson, Hugh Hennebry, Monica Whitehead , John Greenwood, Phil Matthews ,Ed Beale, Kirsten Coe and Sarah Rice
Apologies:	None

1.0 Aim of the Funding Formula Working Group (FFWG)

To review the current funding factors and unit rates used by ESCC for 2018/19 and consider whether it is appropriate to retain these factors at their current level for 2019/20.

The principles of the FFWG were discussed with the intention being that like 2018/19, the principles are to continue to work towards the NFF rates and to continue with causing the minimum amount of turbulence for schools / academies.

Consideration was given as to how the available funding factors can be used to offer maximum support and benefit to the children in East Sussex Schools / Academies and propose a formula that is fair to as many schools as possible.

2.0 Review information that had been provided

The group were provided with 5 scenarios to evaluate comparison information and the effect on schools' potential 2019/20 budgets.

3.0 Observations and Proposals

- The Group looked at the Primary and Secondary Scenarios data to establish which scenarios meet the aim of the group.
- The group agreed that moving fully to the NFF rates was not in the best interest of Primary Schools.
- The group felt that reducing the Primary lump sum by £2,000 would reduce the turbulence to Primary Schools and prolong the full effect of the NFF.
- The group asked to explore using scenario 12 but also increasing the MFG rate to 100.5% to protect schools from losing funding but also ensure that all schools received a small increase. The 2018/19 rate is 100.0%. (100.0% MFG equates to - 0% drop in per pupil funding)
- The group were happy that all deprivation factors are being used in full, which is what the schools they have spoken to would like, and that we are using the NFF sparsity calculation.
- The Group agreed that the capping rate of 1.5% still allowed schools to gain and was also affordable.

4.0 Action Summary

- To look at variations of scenario 12, using MFG at 100.5% and whether there are any other ways of protecting schools.