

SCHOOLS FORUM

Proposed Amendments to the Leicestershire Scheme for Financing Schools

21 September 2015

Content Applicable to;		School Phase;	
Maintained Schools	X	Pre School	
Academies		Foundation Stage	X
PVI Settings		Primary	X
Special Schools / Academies		Secondary	X
Local Authority		Post 16	
		High Needs	

Purpose of Report

Content Requires;		By;	
Noting		Maintained Primary School Members	X
Decision	X	Maintained Secondary School Members	X
		Maintained Special School Members	X
		Academy Members	
		All Schools Forum	

1. This report presents changes to the Leicestershire Scheme for Financing Schools which are necessary as a result of a directed revision by the Secretary of State for Education.

Recommendation

2. That Schools Forum approve the revised Scheme for Financing Schools to be applied from 22 September 2015 for local authority maintained schools.

Background

3. The Scheme for Financing Schools sets out the financial relationship between a local authority and the schools it maintains, it is not applicable to Academies who have their own separate financial framework.
4. Much of the scheme is prescribed by the Department of Education (DfE) although there is flexibility to incorporate locally agreed changes following consultation with all maintained schools.
5. The document proposes no local changes and effects the directed revision in the following areas;
 - Paragraph 2.16 extends the scope of the register of business interests and makes it obligatory for the register to be publicly available.
 - Paragraph 4.9 allows for school access to use borrowing schemes that have been granted permission for all schools by the Secretary of State without seeking specific approval.

The revision also corrects some minor errors within the document brought to the attention of the local authority after publication. Because of the nature of the changes no consultation is proposed.

6. The proposed Scheme is shown as Appendix 1.

Resource Implications

7. There are no resource implications directly arising from this report.

Equal Opportunity Implications

8. There are no equal opportunities implications directly arising from this report.

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