

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM 24 JANUARY 2012

#### REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### REQUESTED CHANGES TO MFG BASELINES FOR SCHOOLS WITH CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES

If schools have changed circumstances within the year, such as new Education Inclusion Base provision or a change in the number of places, a report is taken to the Schools' Forum to request changing the baseline for the calculation of the Minimum Funding Guarantee.

Under new DfE regulations, any changes to MFG baselines must be approved by the Secretary of State. An application to the Secretary of State must include evidence of the support of the Schools Forum.

If the baseline is not changed, this will distort the calculation of the Minimum Funding Guarantee and the budget allocations.

#### CALCULATION OF THE MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE 2012/13

SCHOOL	REASON FOR CHANGE	REQUESTED NEW MFG BASELINE £
Devonshire Park Primary School	Change to places in EIB provision	1,372,868
Brookdale Primary School	Removal of EIB provision	809,308
Bebington High School	Change to places in EIB provision	4,270,495
Wallasey High School	Change to places in EIB provision	5,061,705
Woodchurch High School	Change to Academy status - EIB centrally commissioned	6,781,343
Hilbre High School	Change to Academy status - EIB centrally commissioned	4,319,374
Oldershaw Academy	Change to Academy status - EIB centrally commissioned	3,766,264
Clare Mount	Place Change	2,411,734
Gilbrook	Place Change - pilot scheme	1,016,213

Additional changes to MFG baselines will be required for those Special schools whose places are reduced as part of the agreed surplus places mechanism. The outcome of the review of surplus places will not be known until the end of February. However, if the review confirms the decisions taken last July, this will impact on the following schools:

SCHOOL	REASON FOR CHANGE	REQUESTED NEW MFG BASELINE £
Foxfield	Place reduction - surplus places	2,335,800
Hayfield	Place reduction - surplus places	1,522,000
Lyndale	Place reduction - surplus places	798,919
Stanley	Place reduction - surplus places	1,501,511

#### CALCULATION OF THE MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE 2013/14

MFG baselines can only be calculated when allocations for 2012 have been finalised.

SCHOOL	REASON FOR CHANGE
Clare Mount	Place Change
Foxfield	Place reduction - surplus places
Hayfield	Place reduction - surplus places
Lyndale	Place reduction - surplus places
Stanley	Place reduction - surplus places

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Forum agrees the changes to the MFG baselines

That the Forum agrees to support an application to the Secretary of State for MFG baseline changes