

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 24th JANUARY 2012

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FUNDING FORMULA 2012-13

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper summarises the school funding formula for 2012-13.

BACKGROUND

Following consultation with schools, the structure of the funding formula remained unchanged for 2012-13, although pupil data was updated from the January 2012 School Census.

The DfE have released two consultation documents regarding changes to local formulae and plans to limit the number of elements that a local authority funding formula can contain. This paper provides information about the structure of the Wirral formula to inform any future discussions about formula changes.

STRUCTURE OF THE FORMULA

The structure of the Wirral funding formula is outlined below. The formula distributes the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) by allocating percentages of the total to different elements. Allocations for Education Inclusion Bases, Looked After Children, rates and grants are deducted from the total ISB before the percentages are calculated.

Mainstream Schools

Element	Total Spend 2012-13	% Spend 2012/13
Age Weighted Pupils	£125,399,300	83.8
Admissions	£16,500	0.1
Deprivation FSM	£8,436,900	5.6
Deprivation IMD	£3,849,800	2.6
Meals FSM	£4,260,300	2.8
SEN	£7,630,700	5.1
TOTAL	£149,593,500	100

Special Schools

Element	Total Spend 2012-13	% Spend 2012/13
Weighted Places	£13,424,600	93.8
Pupils	£459,400	3.2
Premises	£174,700	1.2
Meals	£250,400	1.8
TOTAL	£14,309,100	100

The DfE consultation document issued in Summer 2011 indicated that the number of factors which could be included in a funding formula would be limited. The suggested formula factors for mainstream schools are:

- Basic entitlement per pupil (currently Age-Weighted Pupil Units)
- Funding for additional educational needs (e.g. deprivation, SEN, EAL)
- Rates
- Exceptional site factors (e.g. split site, PFI and rent)

e) Lump sums for schools

Under these proposals, it is expected that there would be a single measure for deprivation and a single measure for SEN, offering less flexibility than the current Wirral formula.

The Special school formula is also proposed to change based on levels of need and the outcome of the Green Paper.

UNIT VALUES

The table below shows unit values for 2011 and 2012, and indicative unit values for 2013. These are as published in the School Allocations (issued on 21st March).

Mainstream

Element	Unit Value		
	2011	2012	2013
Age Weighted Pupils	£1656.12	£1664.01	£1668.64
Admissions	£1.18	£1.09	£1.10
Looked After Children	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Lump Sum	£1656.12	£1664.01	£1668.64
SEN: FSM (primary)	£440.21	£567.46	£564.90
SEN: KS2 (secondary)	£134.38	£124.11	£123.55
SEN: Lump sum (primary)	£9154.64	£9897.81	£9853.31
SEN: Lump sum (secondary)	£13547.50	£12029.27	£11975.19
SEN: Pupils (primary)	£32.36	£34.17	£33.82
SEN: Pupils (secondary)	£19.91	£18.26	£18.54
Deprivation: FSM	£622.08	£816.70	£813.03
Deprivation: IMD	£3.03	£3.14	£3.13
Meals: Free School Meals	£306.53	£389.92	£388.17
Inclusion Base (primary)	£5662.14	£5668.77	£5668.77
Inclusion Base (secondary)	£7831.66	£7845.88	£7845.88
Split Site	£18.09	£17.76	£17.97

Special

Element	Unit Value		
	2011	2012	2013
Weighted Places	£7564.89	£7569.74	£7577.18
Pupils	£522.93	£525.83	£526.16
Excess Pupils	£7564.89	£7569.74	£7577.18
Looked After Children	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Premises	£7.66	£7.70	£7.70
Meals: Free School Meals	£541.24	£613.73	£614.11

There has been no overall increase in funding. Unit value changes are a result of:

- Small amounts of headroom
- Changes in pupil data
- A reduction in FSM
- Implications of the MFG

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Forum notes the report.

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