

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM 18th JANUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

School Funding Formula 2017-18

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the draft local School Funding Formula for 2017-18 and the changes in the dataset compared to the previous year.

2. BACKGROUND

The local School Funding Formula is a means to allocate budgets to all maintained primary, secondary and academy schools in Wirral. This will continue to be the case until 2019 when it is likely a National Funding Formula will be introduced. Wirral's formula uses a range of prescribed factors set by the DfE, such as pupil numbers and deprivation elements to determine an individual budget for each school. The amount allocated to schools in 2016-17 was £188.3m in total. This figure will increase to £194.9m in 2017-18, taking into account the rise in pupil numbers and additional delegation.

Each year, the DfE publish a dataset to allocate school block funding from the DSG. The information from the dataset is primarily based on the October 2016 School Census.

3. MAIN CHANGES IN DATASET

AWPU (Pupil Entitlement)

Pupil numbers for Primary and Secondary have both seen an increase on previous year. Primary numbers have increased from **25486** to **25842** (+1.4%) and Secondary numbers have increased from **17031** to **17183** (+0.9%). Overall the pupil numbers have increased from **42,517** to **43,025** (+1.2%).

Free School Meals (FSM)

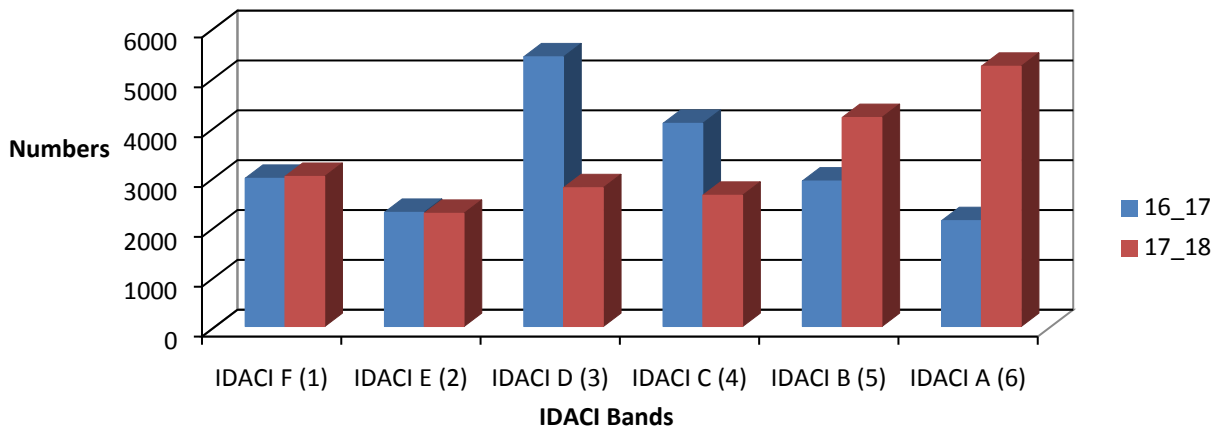
FSM numbers in the formula have increased from **7314** to **7488**. The increase over the past 12 months is primarily due to the work automatically opting in eligible pupils.

IDACI

There are 6 IDACI bands which are used in the formula as a proxy for deprivation. In 2016-17 IDACI data was updated from the position 5 years ago. The update nationally moved pupils down from the highest bands and therefore altered the distribution of funding across schools.

In 2017/18 IDACI Bands have been redesigned to return them to a similar size to previous years (2015/16). This has seen a move in numbers from bands D and C to more deprived bands.

IDACI Numbers Comparison 16/17 and 17/18



Prior Attainment

For primary schools, funding is targeted at pupils who did not achieve the standard at Early Years Foundation Stage in Reception. This figure has seen a very slight increase from **4788** to **4791** compared to last year.

For secondary schools, funding is targeted at pupils who achieve a level 3 or below in English reading or writing or maths at Key Stage 2 (yrs. 8-11) and pupils who haven't reached the expected standard in any one or more of reading or writing or maths in the new Key Stage 2 2016 tests (Yr. 7). Similarly to primary schools, this figure has increased from **3325** to **3457**.

EAL

The number of children eligible for EAL element has increased from **522** to **579** (Primary) and **93** to **107** (Secondary).

Looked After Children (LAC)

Number of eligible children for LAC element has increased from **429** to **453**

Split Sites

Increased numbers on Split site element from **2157** to **2554**, this is due to Our Lady and Saint Edwards opening a new annexe building behind current school.

PFI

A new factor will be included in the 2017-18 formula for PFI. This has been the subject of previous reports to the Forum.

The PFI Affordability Gap of **£3.1m** will be included and apportioned over the 9 original PFI schools on the basis of pupil numbers.

£400,000 will also be included to reflect the additional costs of services supporting PFI school costs apportioned on the basis of gross internal floor area.

Pensby Amalgamation

Pensby High school application for a revised Exceptional Sum Factor of **£40,000** has been accepted by the Education Funding Agency (EFA). Pensby High Schools total lump sum for 2017-18 will be **£140,000**.

School Funding Formula

At the time of writing the unit values allocated to the formula elements are shown below. These will be updated following the approval of the Schools Budget and any subsequent data changes.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The Forum notes the report.

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**APPENDIX 1 FOR SCHOOLS FORUM 18TH JANUARY
2017**

2016-17 V 2017-18 UNIT RATE COMPARISON (PROVISIONAL)

2016-17				
ELEMENTS	Units	Unit Value	16-17 Funding £	Proportion of total funding (pre-MFG)
AWPU - PRI	25486	£2,807	£71,548,887	38.0%
AWPU - KS3	10303	£3,986	£41,066,625	21.8%
AWPU - KS4	6728	£5,126	£34,485,575	18.3%
FSM - PRI	4601	£1,944	£8,943,387	8.1%
FSM - SEC	2713	£2,349	£6,373,745	
IDAC1 (P)	1736	£45	£78,414	1.8%
IDAC2 (P)	1439	£80	£115,323	
IDAC3 (P)	3430	£137	£468,563	
IDAC4 (P)	2640	£204	£539,468	
IDAC5 (P)	1840	£272	£500,595	
IDAC6 (P)	1335	£340	£453,773	
IDAC1 (S)	1237	£47	£58,360	
IDAC2 (S)	851	£91	£77,427	
IDAC3 (S)	1980	£146	£289,422	
IDAC4 (S)	1436	£216	£310,689	
IDAC5 (S)	1079	£285	£307,954	
IDAC6 (S)	789	£355	£279,629	
EAL - PRI	522	£493	£257,300	0.15%
EAL - SEC	93	£327	£30,300	
LAC	428	£1,500	£642,688	0.34%
SEN PA - PRI	4788	£1,060	£5,073,266	4.44%
SEN PA - SEC	3325	£991	£3,294,580	
SPLIT SITE		£18	£38,006	0.02%
LUMP SUM			£11,170,000	5.93%
PFI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RATES			£1,889,560	1.00%
RENTS			£23,000	0.01%
FORMULA TOTAL			£188,316,533	

2017-18				
ELEMENTS	Units	Unit Value	16-17 Funding £	Proportion of total funding (pre-MFG)
AWPU - PRI	25842	£2,825	£72,998,413	37.5%
AWPU - KS3	10567	£4,017	£42,445,394	21.8%
AWPU - KS4	6616	£5,164	£34,163,943	17.5%
FSM - PRI	4745	£1,944	£9,223,656	8.0%
FSM - SEC	2743	£2,349	£6,442,776	
IDACIF (P)	1780	£38	£66,798	1.8%
IDACIE (P)	1423	£67	£94,802	
IDACID (P)	1755	£114	£199,216	
IDACIC(P)	1650	£170	£280,134	
IDACIB (P)	2730	£226	£617,160	
IDACIA (P)	3332	£282	£940,869	
IDACIF (S)	1232	£40	£49,103	
IDACIE (S)	849	£77	£65,220	
IDACID (S)	1030	£124	£127,228	
IDACIC (S)	983	£183	£179,775	
IDACIB (S)	1463	£241	£352,898	
IDACIA (S)	1889	£300	£565,918	
EAL - PRI	579	£453	£262,413	0.15%
EAL - SEC	107	£286	£30,670	
LAC	453	£1,500	£679,943	0.35%
SEN PA - PRI	4791	£1,080	£5,172,878	4.37%
SEN PA - SEC	3457	£965	£3,333,892	
SPLIT SITE		£18	£45,642	0.02%
LUMP SUM			£11,140,000	5.72%
PFI			£3,436,500	1.76%
RATES			£1,934,360	0.99%
RENTS			£24,500	0.01%
FORMULA TOTAL			£194,874,101	