

# SCHOOLS FORUM

THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2020

At 2.00 pm

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL,

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

### PART I

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u>   | <u>PAGE<br/>NO</u> |
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| 8.          | <u>EARLY YEARS NATIONAL FORMULA 2020-21</u><br><br>The Chairman has agreed this item can be added to the agenda.             | 3 - 4              |
| 9.          | <u>SCHOOLS BLOCK BUDGET 2020-21 DE-DELEGATION RATES</u><br><br>The Chairman has agreed this item can be added to the agenda. | 5 - 6              |

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## ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

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| Date:                | <b>16<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>                        | <b>AGENDA ITEM: 6</b>  |
| Title:               | <b>Early Years National Funding Formula 2020-21</b>        |  |
| Responsible officer: | Kevin McDaniel, Director of Children's Services            |  |
| Contact officer:     | James Norris Head of Finance (RBWM) Achieving for Children | Tel: 07824478100<br>E-mail: James.Norris@achievingforchildren.org.uk |

### 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with:

- an update on the consultation in respect of the Early Years National Funding Formula 2020-21

### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Forum note the:

- Current and proposed funding rates and the consultation process to be undertaken

### 3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The 2020/21 initial allocations for the early years block was announced in December 2019.

3.2 Local authorities are required to consult providers on annual changes to their local formula. Schools forums must also be consulted on changes to local early years funding formulas, including agreeing central spend, although the final decision rests with the local authority.

### 4 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4.1 The indicative allocation for the Early Years Block in 2020/21 is £9,697,000. This indicative allocation is based on the January 2019 census pupil numbers. This allocation will be updated according to actual nursery census data after completion of the January 2020 census and a revised notification sent to local authorities in May 2020.

4.2 The indicative allocations for early years block suggest an estimated increase in the base rate of £120,000. This equates to an increase of 8p per child per hour. The current and proposed provider hourly rates are shown in table 1.

**Table 1 Provider Hourly Rates**

| <b>RBWM Hourly Rates</b> | <b>Current Base Rate 2019-20</b> | <b>Proposed Base Rate 2020-21</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2 year old funding       | £5.70                            | £5.78                             |
| 3 & 4 year old funding   | £4.30                            | £4.38                             |

## **5 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1** A short consultation is planned to be undertaken in the spring term. Only one submission will be accepted per setting and school, responses will be collated and anonymised before being published at the next Schools Forum.
- 5.2** As part of the consultation period a document providing guidance, context and the process for submission will be distributed to all settings and schools

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|----------------------|--|--------|--|--|
| Date:                | 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019                              |        | AGENDA ITEM: 5                           |  |
| Title:               | Schools Block Budget 2020-21 De-delegation Rates           |        |  |  |
| Responsible officer: | Kevin McDaniel, Director of Children’s Services            |        |  |  |
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### 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with:

- an update on the proposed de-delegation rates for 2020/21

### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Forum:

- agree de-delegation rates for 2020/21 as set out in table 1

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In accordance with the Schools Revenue Funding 2020 to 2021 Operational Guidance de-delegated services are for maintained schools only; funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but can be passed back, or 'de-delegated', for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval.
- 3.2 Schools forum members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools must decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally; the decision will apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase. They must decide on fixed contributions for these services so that funding can then be removed from the formula before school budgets are issued. There may be different decisions for each phase.
- 3.3 Any underspend on the de-delegated budgets will be retained within the Dedicated Schools Grant (Schools Block) and will be carried forward into the next financial year or repaid to the contributing schools.

### 4 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- 4.1 The proposal is to keep the maintained schools de-delegated unit rates at 2019/20 unit rates. The largest fund within the de-delegation is the Maternity Pay costs. Although salaries and on-costs have increased, the overall charges to this account have decreased in the last three years. The proposed de-delegation rates for 2020/21 are shown in table 1.

**Table 1 Proposed de-delegation unit rates 2020/21**

|   | <b>Data</b> | <b>Unit Rate</b> | <b>Total Budget</b> |
|---|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Primary</b>                              |             | <b>£</b>         | <b>£000</b>         |
| Contingency                                 | Per Pupil   | 15               | 115                 |
| Behaviour Support                           | Per IDACI   | 50               | 53                  |
| Staff Costs (maternity and divisional reps) | Per Pupil   | 25               | 192                 |
|   |             |                  |                     |
| <b>Secondary</b>                            |             |                  |                     |
| Contingency                                 | Per Pupil   | N/A              | N/A                 |
| Behaviour Support                           | Per IDACI   | N/A              | N/A                 |
| Staff Costs (maternity and divisional reps) | Per Pupil   | 25               | 14                  |