

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

Date:	16th January 2020	AGENDA ITEM: 1
Title:	Scheme for Financing Schools 2019/20	
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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide a summary of any subsequent changes to the draft Scheme for Financing Schools that was presented to Schools Forum on the 26th September 2019.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Forum (Maintained schools only) is asked to approve the Scheme for Financing Schools 2019/20.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The DfE annually issue an updated Statutory Guidance, Scheme for Financing Local Authority Maintained Schools. Local Authorities are required annually to publish an updated Scheme for Financing Schools.
- 3.2 Prior to publishing any updated Scheme for Financing Schools, the local authority requires approval from maintained schools representatives of the Schools Forum to accept any optional amendments to the scheme. The authority is also required to consult maintained schools and seek an opinion of any changes to inform the schools forum decision as to accepting or rejecting the proposed scheme for financing schools.
- 3.3 The latest DfE published guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools/schemes-for-financing-local-authority-maintained-schools>

4 STATUTORY CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE

DIRECTED REVISIONS 2019

- 4.1 The Secretary of State may by direction revise the whole or any part of the scheme as from such date as may be specified in the direction. In order to make a directed revision the Secretary of State is required, by provision in the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998, to consult the relevant Local Authorities and other interested parties.
- 4.2 It is also possible for the Secretary of State to make directed revisions to schemes after consultation. Such revisions become part of the scheme from the date of direction.
- 4.3 There are no directed revision within this updated version.

UPDATES TO THE GUIDANCE

- 4.4 The Scheme for Financing Schools 2019/20 is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.5 The DfE have amended a number of sections within the guidance. These are optional but have been incorporated in the amended version for the Royal Borough. Amendments are listed in pages 3 & 4 of the document to enable schools to see a summary of changes made between versions.

5 UPDATE TO THE RBWM SCHEME

- 5.1 The Royal Borough's updated draft Scheme for Financing Schools was shared with maintained schools between the 16th September and 30th September 2019. Schools were encouraged to consider the scheme and email any comments to the following email address:

Bursar.support@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

- 5.2 There were no responses that required any changes to the scheme.