



Schools Forum

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Response to 'Direct National Funding Formula' Government Consultation

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Summary

On 7 June 2022 the Department for Education (DfE) launched the next stage of their consultation on reforms to the National Funding Formula (NFF), seeking views on their approach to implementing the 'direct' NFF for mainstream schools.

This further consultation for local authorities, schools and academy trusts, and any other interested organisations and individuals had a submission deadline of 9 September 2022.

Following consideration of the DfE's consultation on '*Implementing the Direct National Funding Formula*', Schools Forum, at their meeting on 30 June, agreed that a response would be submitted by officers as the deadline fell before this diaried meeting of School Forum.

Recommendation

That Schools Forum note the submission to the Government's 'Direct National Funding Formula' consultation.

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Background

1. The DfE launched a consultation on 8 July 2021, the first stage of a process of seeking views on their approach to completing the move to a direct or 'hard' NFF, completing the reform of school funding that was started with the introduction of the NFF in 2018-19. A further, more detailed and technical consultation was launched on 7 June 2022 under the title '*Implementing the Direct National Funding Formula*'.
2. The consultation comprised of 25 questions. At their meeting on 30 June, Schools Forum were invited to consider these questions and given the opportunity to pass through any views ahead of the consultation closing date of 9 September 2022.

3. A submission on behalf of Schools Forum was completed and submitted ahead of the deadline and is appended to this paper for School Forum's information.