

MEETING	SCHOOLS' BUDGET FORUM
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TITLE	Schools' Grounds Maintenance
RECOMMENDATION	Recommend changing the method of allocating finance to schools with regard to grounds maintenance
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1 Schools' Grounds Maintenance Finance

Finance for grounds maintenance is currently allocated to schools on an historical basis. In 2018-19 a total of £435,531 was allocated to schools - £226,465 (secondary sites), £6,625 (special school sites) a £202,441 (primary sites).

During last year's round of offering service level agreements it was noted that re-modelling of the allocation to schools for grounds maintenance would have to be undertaken in the future so that it reflects more accurately the grounds maintenance requirements of the individual school sites.

For 2018-19 detailed calculations had been undertaken with regard to the requirements school sites and sent to those school which, historically, had opted for the Grounds Maintenance SLA. The analysis of the site's requirements noted core work and optional work.

Work is on-going to identify and calculate the (core and optional) requirements of **all** school sites so that a complete picture is available of the grounds maintenance requirements of **all** Gwynedd schools.

Examples of the types of grounds maintenance work which feed into the calculations of the 'core hours requirement' for each school site can be seen in **Appendix 1** (primary) and **Appendix 2** (secondary).

2 Re-modelling school allocations

On having an analysis of the core hours requirement for every site, i.e. the grounds maintenance work required to ensure an appropriate level of service which is sufficient/suitable to support events held, whilst having regard to the

welfare and safety of pupils as well as to the visual and conservational aspects of the site, the intention is, in 2019-20 to distribute the grounds maintenance finance to schools in proportion to the analysis of the core hours requirement of the individual sites.

3 Recommendation

That the Schools' Budget Forum recommends changing the method of allocating grounds maintenance finance to schools in 2019-20 such that the finance is allocated in proportion to the analysis of the grounds maintenance core hours requirement of the individual school sites.