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APPENDIX 1

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For the attention of: Governing Body and Headteachers of Primary, Secondary, All-through and Special Schools

Consultation on proposed change to change the current Grounds Maintenance funding allocation method

Dear Colleague

The Schools Budget Forum has approved a consultation with schools on the proposed change to the method of allocation of school grounds maintenance funding for the financial year 2022-23.

This letter consults with you on your support (or otherwise) to change the current grounds maintenance funding allocation method

If you are in favour of change, you are asked to indicate whether you favour **Model 1** or **Model 2**.

You are also invited to make any comments in relation to the proposed change to the method of allocating school grounds maintenance funding.

Background

This consultation stems from an item presented to the Schools Budget Forum on the 'School Grounds Maintenance Funding Allocation Method' which introduced the intention to remodel school allocations to be closer to the needs of the sites rather than on historical grounds

Work has almost been completed to identify the Core Hours needed to maintain the grounds of each school. A column in **Appendix 1** refers to each school's Core Hours. Where the Core Hours figure for a school has not yet been confirmed, this will be highlighted.

The Core Hours of a site are defined as the hours of ground maintenance required to ensure a service of an appropriate level that is sufficient / suitable to support events held, ensure the welfare and safety of the pupils as well as maintaining the visual and conservational aspects of the site.

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Possible allocation models

Model 1

Take *existing grounds maintenance allocation by school sector* and redistribute within the sector in proportion to the analysis of the core hours maintenance needs of individual sites in the sector.

Model 2

Take the *total existing grounds maintenance allocation for schools* and redistribute it across all schools in proportion to the analysis of the core hours grounds maintenance needs of the individual schools.

Appendix 1 shows the per-school impact of using the two models above in comparison with the 2021-22 grounds maintenance funding allocation.

I ask for your school's response to the proposal to change to the method of allocation of school grounds maintenance funding for the financial year 2022-23 **by Friday, 12 November, 2021**. I will then present a report to the next Schools' Budget Forum, and the Forum's recommendation will be submitted to the Cabinet. If the proposal meets with the approval of the Gwynedd Council Cabinet, it will be implemented from 1 April, 2022.

School's Response

Regarding the change to the method of allocation of school grounds maintenance funding for the financial year 2022-23, please state if your school is:

School No. :		School Name:	
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In favour of Model 1:	
In favour of Model 2:	
Against change:	
No opinion:	
Comments:	

Return your responses to Annie Sanson (anniesanson@gwynedd.llyw.cymru) by **Friday, 12 November, 2021**.

Thank you

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