

MEETING	SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM
DATE	29 November 2016
TITLE	Funding of All through School
PURPOSE	Confirm methodology of funding All Through School
RECOMMENDATION	Approve the report
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1. Background

From 1st September 2017, Gwynedd Council will have an All through School, there is therefore a need to outline and confirm the methodology for funding such a School.

1.1 It has since 1988, been a requirement to delegate responsibility and finance to school governing bodies (Local Management of Schools), with the 'Schools Funding Regulations (Wales) 2010' being the current requirements.

1.2 The regulations cover all aspects of school funding, including regulations for funding that the Education Department can hold centrally e.g. pupil transport to school, and how funding has to be delegated to schools, e.g. a good example is rule 'Section 3 – Schools proportions of the budget : Section 23' that basically requests an LEA to ensure that a primary and secondary schools allocation formula provides at least 70% of the delegated funding based on pupil numbers.

1.3 Gwynedd Council has a specific funding formula for each of the 3 current schools sector namely Primary, Secondary and Special (see annexes that contain details and explanation of Primary and Secondary Schools allocation formula)

2. Methodology

2.1 Input Primary education statistics for all All Through School sites and run them individually through the Primary Schools Funding Formula.

2.2 Input Secondary education statistics for each All Through School sites and run them individually through the Secondary Schools Funding Formula.

2.3 Total calculated amounts for each site under section 2.1 and 2.2 will be the All Through School total funding allocation.

3. Principles

3.1 Average Salary

Primary Schools and Secondary Schools funding formula refers to 'Average Salary' within the teachers heading, however this differs from the average salary calculation, namely -

- Primary – average salary for every individual Primary School is calculated based on the real cost of the primary education teaching staff at the school, ensuring that 1 Headteacher is included for each school, as well as 1 Deputy for every school where there are more than 75 pupils.
- Secondary – average salary for a Secondary School is based on total real cost of teaching staff within all Secondary Schools (including All Through Schools secondary education teaching staff), ensuring the inclusion of 1 Headteacher and 2 Deputies for every school.

Average salary of an All Through School is calculated as follows -

- Primary Education
Site 1- real cost of primary school teachers including 1 Headteacher and 1 Deputy (scale based on total number of primary pupils in the whole all through school).
Other Sites – real cost of primary education teachers including 1 Site Manager.
- Secondary Education
Use is made of County Secondary Schools average salary.

3.2 Protection for Minimum Teacher Numbers

The additional protection allocation for minimum current teacher numbers within the Primary and Secondary funding formula continues for every individual site within an All through School.

3.3 Buildings and Grounds Surface area

Where primary education and secondary education are entirely provided on a single All through School site, for funding formula purposes, Building Surface area, Cleaning Surface Area and the Ground Maintenance requirement will be based on a distribution between primary education and secondary education.