

SCHOOL FORUM

Item 9 d

Members of the School Forum are requested to consider and recommend their preferred option

Post LIG Transition funding**Background**

Post LIG transitional grant has been an element of standards fund since 2006 and was allocated to schools originally in receipt of Post LIG Deprivation funding but no longer met the grant criteria when, in 2006/07, their number of eligible FSM pupils fell below 20%. The condition of transitional funding was that the loss of Post LIG grant was dampened to ensure the reduction was no more than 2% in 2006/07 & 2.5% in 2007/08 of the each schools budget – calculated as the sum of their budget share and specific grant allocations.

The number of schools attracting transitional grant has reduced over the past two years and is now paid across to only two schools, one receiving approx. £47k and one in receipt of approx £63k.

Post LIG 2008-2011

Standards fund guidance for 2008/2011 provides for LA's, in consultation with their School Forum, to determine the ongoing distribution of this element. The grant is in total £110,000.

Option1. We can continue to allocate the grant at the same level to the two schools that currently receive it.

Option2. Begin to taper down the allocation for those schools and redistribute the released grant to other schools. It is suggested that current allocations be reduced by 50% in 2008/09 and 50% in 2009/10.

Option3. To make no further allocations of transitional funding and to distribute the grant across all schools.

Summary

Forum members are asked to recommend their preferred option.

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