



Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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Subject: Post 16 Abatement

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Purpose of the report: To provide an explanation of the application of the Post 16 Abatement

Post 16 Abatement

The introduction of LSC funding saw revenue funding for all local authority's top sliced by the DCSF, using their estimate of the total amount of funding deemed applicable to post 16 students within each LA and the top slice impacted on both delegated and non delegated budgets.

The post 16 abatement is a factor within the Walsall funding formula, applied to secondary schools only. School Finance Regulations state, in respect to sixth form funding, that –

“a local authority may, in determining budget shares for schools with sixth forms, reduce the amount payable to each school under their formula by a sum representing any element which has been duplicated in the LSC's allocation”

This regulation is recognised within our funding formula and is applied to site specific factors only. The value of the abatement across our secondary schools is £1.2 million.

Table 4 of Section 52 provides the methodology used in the application of the abatement, but in brief the calculation takes account of the total value of site specific factors for each secondary school and each school's total is reduced in proportion to their number of post 16 pupils recorded on January census data e.g.

Secondary school:

- Total pupil population 1301
- Total post 16 pupils 188
- Proportion of post 16 pupils 14.45%
- Value of school specific factors £431,408

Total of Abatement $£431,408 * 14.15\% = \mathbf{£62,340}$