

Schools in Financial Difficulties

The following was published on the school's bulletin on the 3 March 2017. Responses will be discussed.

'In 2015/16 the de delegated schools in financial difficulties pot was allocated to those schools which had been capped. It ensured that schools could not be capped more than 2.1% of their total budget. This was agreed at funding forum but schools expressed concerns that not all of the schools who received this funding are in financial difficulties.

Schools were asked to provide the LA with other options of how the 2016/17 funding may be distributed so that they could be calculated. Only one option was received so 2 options were brought to forum, the same method as 2015/16 and an option which compares the post MFG budget amount per pupil and then increases the lowest per pupil amounts to the maximum the pot will allow.

Forum voted to increase the lowest amounts per pupil but excluded schools with balances of more than 8%.

It was decided at forum in January 2017 that the primary schools wished to de delegate this pot of money again in 2017/18.

The purpose of this paper is to consult with schools on how they would like to see this money allocated for 2017/18. The amount is £416,714.

Options to be considered are below and any new suggestions will be welcomed and discussed at Funding Forum.

- Increase the lowest amounts per pupil up to the maximum the pot will allow excluding schools with balances over X%
- A panel is set up to consider applications to the fund.

Please could we have any responses by Friday 17th March. A summary will be brought to School Funding Forum on the 21st March and we will ask representatives to make a recommendation.'