

2019-20 SCHOOLS FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

REPORT OF THE COUNTY TREASURER AND CHIEF OFFICER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Recommendations

It is recommended that DEF:

- a) Specifically approve the proposals for the 2019-20 schools revenue funding formula as set out in section 1 and make recommendations to Cabinet.
All to vote
- b) Specifically agree the de-delegation proposals for maintained primary and maintained secondary schools as set out in section 2 and appendix C
Vote: Maintained primary representatives
Vote: Maintained secondary representatives
- c) Specifically agree the centrally held funding allocations as set out in section 3 and appendix D
All to vote
- d) Note the local authority's disapplication requests that have been applied for and awaiting approval
All to note

1. Schools Funding

- 1.1 2019-20 is the second of the National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools, high needs and central schools' services. The full funding formulae for 2018-19 and 2019-20 were confirmed in September 2017, and the Department for Education (DfE) have made some small technical improvements to the formula. These blocks will sit alongside the early years national funding formula which was introduced in 2017-18.
- 1.2 While it remains the government's intention that a school's budget should be set on the basis of a single national formula, in 2019-20 local authorities will continue to determine final funding allocations for schools through a local formula, working with schools to help bring about the best outcomes for all children and young people.
- 1.3 With the significant progress towards the NFF the government have confirmed that local authorities will continue to determine local formulas in 2020-21.
- 1.4 In 2018-19 Devon has seen additional funding of £7.5million and will see a further rise in 2019-20 of £1.9million. The government have advised that authorities will not see a reduction from their 2017-18 funding (adjusted to reflect local authority's most recent spending patterns).

Consultation 2019-20

- 1.5 The local authority consulted on the Devon proposals for the 2019-20 schools revenue funding formula. Modelling was based on the Schools Block and the October 2017 census data. Note that the final DSG settlement will be based on the October 2018 census data.
- 1.6 In all, 150 schools responded to the consultation, 43% of all schools and compares to 103 schools, 29% in 2017. A full analysis of participation is attached to this report at Appendix A
- 1.7 All documents relating to the consultation can be viewed on the schools finance webpage:
[Consultations | Support for schools](#)

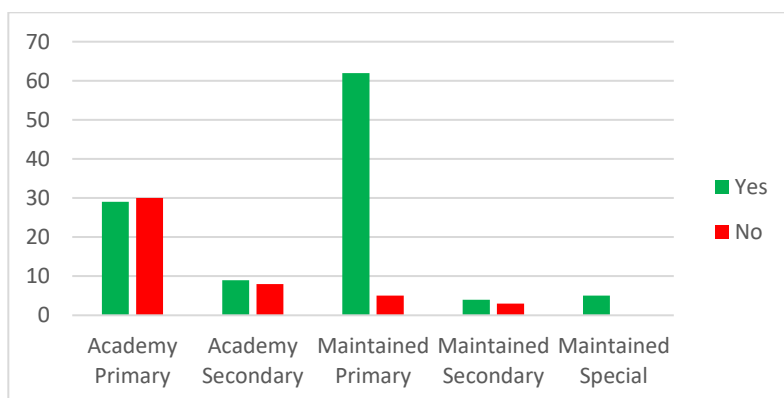
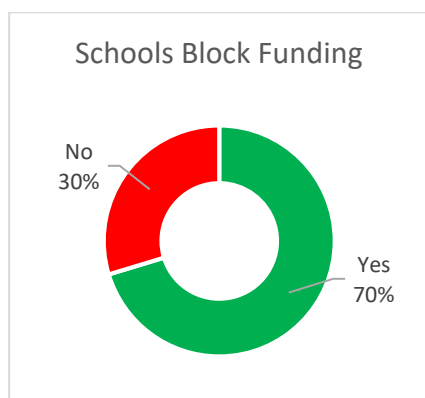
- 1.8 It remains Devon's intention to bring in as many of the NFF factor values and parameters that the funding within the funding envelope allows for 2019-20 whilst ensuring that no school loses funding from that received in 2018-19.
- 1.9 Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) is a way to protect the funding on a per pupil rate and previously it has ensured no schools funding drops by more than 1.5% per pupil compared with the previous year. **Note:** Budgets may still go down due to a reduction in non-pupil related factors or a drop in pupil numbers
- 1.10 For 2019-20 there is allowed to be flexibility in the level of the MFG that can be set by the authority between plus 0.5% and minus 1.5%.
- 1.11 As part of the consultation we viewed increasing the Minimum Funding Level (MFL) optional factor to the levels stated within the NFF, but to achieve this in full meant that schools would need to have the MFG set at minus 1.5% and see 296 schools lose funding from that in 2018-19.
- 1.12 By setting the MFG at 0% no school will see a reduction in their funding from that received in 2018-19.
- 1.13 In consulting with schools on designing the funding formula in 2019-20 we asked that schools considered maintaining the local formula factors for 2018-19 along with:
- Minimum Funding Levels (MFL) remaining at £3,300, £3,842 and £4,600 as in 2018-19
 - Primary low prior attainment factor value is reduced to £1,022 to balance the increase in the cohort as per ESFA funding allocation
 - Setting the Minimum Funding Grant (MFG) at 0%

Question 1

In designing the funding formula for Devon in 2019-20 we are looking to maintain the funding factors from 2018-19, excluding the Primary Low Prior Attainment factor, Minimum Funding Level unchanged and setting a 0% MFG.

Do you agree with this objective?

- 1.14 The response to the question shows that 109 out of 155 schools that responded (70%) agreeing to the proposal. It is worth noting that in most groups this has seen nearly at 50:50 split in the votes except for Maintained Primaries which were 93% in favour



1.15 With this agreement from schools it is LAs intention is to seek agreement to use the unallocated funding (£0.9million) to support the High Needs Block, hence requesting to maintain the funding levels from 2018-19 and cancel the £1million transfer from the schools block into the growth fund that had previously been approved by DEF in March 2018.

1.16 **Recommendation 1:**

That Schools Forum recommends to Cabinet that:

- i. The formula factors for distributing the funding to schools are accepted, in that, the MFG is set at 0% and the MFL is maintained at 2018-19 funding levels.

Note that the final funding rates may change subject to affordability when the October 2018 pupil data and Schools Block DSG settlement is confirmed in late December 2018.

All to vote

Movement between Blocks

1.17 Since April 2018 the Local Authority's DSG consists of 4 blocks of funding: The Schools Block, Central School Services Block, High Needs Block and Early Years Block. The schools block is again ring-fenced in 2019-20, but the LA will retain limited flexibility to transfer up to 0.5% of the DSG to another block, with the approval of Devon Schools Forum.

1.18 As schools will be aware since the introduction of the new SEND code of practice in 2014, there has been a year on year increase in the demand placed on the High Needs Block due to increased numbers of children requiring support and Education, Health Care Plans (EHCP).

1.19 In Devon, as in many other authorities, the pressure on the High Needs budget continues to increase as the number of complex, high cost placements grows. There has not been any additional funding from central government to meet this growth, with the additional costs having to be managed within existing resources.

1.20 In order to continue to meet the needs of our children with additional needs, Devon is proposing a 0.5% (currently £1.98 million based on October 2017 census data) transfer from the DSG to High Needs. This request is in line with the requirements of the DSG Operational guidance and would only apply for the financial year 2019-20. The analysis was included within Section 6 of the 2019-20 consultation papers. No school will see a reduction in funding in 2019-20 when compared to last year. This will be achieved as explained above in 1.13.

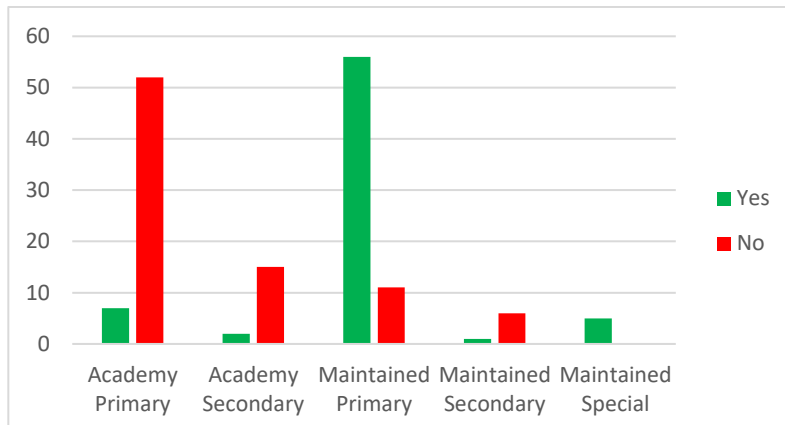
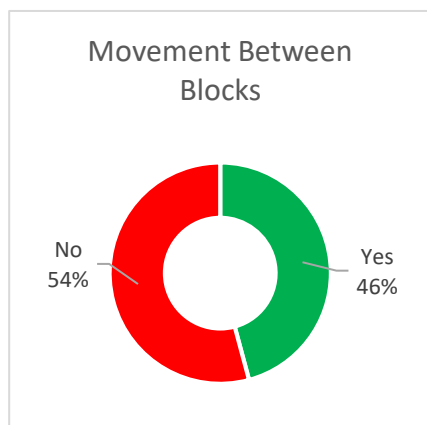
1.21 Schools were asked to agree to a one-year transfer of 0.5% from within the Dedicated Schools Grant to High Needs due to the current funding pressures seen within High Needs for 2019-20. This will be achieved through a reduction of £1 million in Growth Fund allocation and the unallocated funds within the schools block ensuring no school sees a reduction in funding.

Question 2

Due to the current funding pressures seen with High Needs for 2019-20 a one-year transfer of 0.5% from within the Dedicated Schools Grant to High Needs. Which will be achieved through a reduction of £1 million in Growth Fund allocation and the unallocated funds within the schools block ensuring no school sees a reduction in funding.

Do you agree with the 0.5% DSG transfer for 2019-20?

1.22 The response to this question has seen 84 schools (54%) against and 71 schools (46%) agree to the transfer. Within the Primary sector 83% of maintained primary schools (56 schools) were in favour, whilst 88% of academy primary schools (52 schools) against. For the Secondary sector 87% were against the transfer with the response split similarly across academy (88%; 15 schools) and maintained (86%; 6 schools).



1.23 If the decision by DEF is not to agree to the 0.5% transfer of funding then the forum will need to consider alternative allocation of the schools funding for 2019-20. Appendix B sets out these options for DEF.

1.24 **Recommendation 2:**

That Schools Forum recommends to Cabinet that:

- i. the transfer of 0.5% to the High needs block is agreed, in light of the response to question one and the continued funding pressures within the block.

All to Vote Yes or No.

2. Delegation and De-delegation

2.1 The following services were delegated in 2018-19 but were able to be de-delegated from the primary and/or secondary maintained schools subject to Schools Forum decision by the representatives in each sector. De-delegation is not an option for academies, special schools, nurseries or PRUs.

Where de-delegation has been agreed for maintained primary and secondary schools, it is the Department’s presumption that the local authority will offer the service on a buy-back basis to those schools and academies in their area which are not covered by the de-delegation. In the case of special schools and PRUs, the funding for such services, will be included in the top-up. Academies will continue to receive a share of funding for these services in their delegated budget.

2.2 Decisions taken on de-delegation in 2018-19 were for one year only, so decisions for each service will be required in 2019-20. As follows:

- i. Behaviour support services
- ii. Support to under-performing ethnic groups and bilingual learners
- iii. Licences and subscriptions (note: All licensing is covered by a national licence and the DfE charge the local authority except CLEAPPS (LEA Provision of Science Services)
- iv. Trade unions
- v. Jury Service / Magistrates duties
- vi. Maternity
- vii. Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and exceptional events)

The consultation responses can be found at Appendix C

- 2.3 The per pupil rates for these services are identified in the [schools delegation calculator](#) which are on the consultation webpage.
- 2.3 Schools were asked to indicate whether they thought that for these relevant local services, funding should continue to be de-delegated to Devon County Council to commission services to the value committed for 2018-19 (Option 1) or whether monies should be delegated back to schools (Option 2).

2.4 **Recommendation:**

Maintained schools representatives to decide, phase by phase, the de-delegation or delegation of the services listed in Section 2.2 and Appendix C

Vote: Maintained Primary Schools

Vote: Maintained Secondary Schools

3. Centrally Held Funding

- 3.1 Only a limited number of services can be retained centrally and local authorities must seek approval from Schools Forums to retain central funding up to the value committed in 2018-19 for these services.
- 3.2 The limit does not now apply to admissions or the servicing of schools forum.
- 3.3 The full list of services that can be retained centrally before allocating formula can be found in the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) information document [Schools Funding Guidance for 2019 to 2020](#)
- 3.4 Locally, the relevant services are:
- Emotional, Psychological & Social Wellbeing
 - Phase Associations
 - Schools Admissions Service
 - Termination of Employment Costs
- Schools were asked to indicate whether they thought that for these relevant local services, funding should continue to be de-delegated to Devon County Council to commission services to the value committed for 2018-19 (Option 1) or whether monies should be delegated back to schools (Option 2).

Emotional, Psychological & Social Wellbeing

- 3.5 Schools were asked to indicate whether they thought that they should continue to contribute £60,000 to supporting the service co-produced by Public Health Devon and Schools (Option 1) or whether monies to remain delegated to the schools budget (Option 2).
- 3.6 The current contract expires April 2019 however, the funding would be secured within any new contract.
- 3.7 Appendix D sets out the responses to the consultation with 136 of the 155 schools that responded (88%) preferring Option 1.

Phase Associations

- 3.8 The role and partnership between the four Phase Associations and the LA are outlined within the Terms of Reference.
- 3.9 Schools were asked to indicate whether they thought that they should maintain Phase Association funding (Option 1) or whether monies should be delegated back to school (Option 2).
- 3.10 Appendix D sets out the responses to the consultation with 132 of the 155 schools that responded (85%) preferring Option 1.

Schools Admissions Service

3.11 The service provides a comprehensive admissions service to all maintained schools and to academies on a buy back basis. More information can be found at: [Admission Webpages](#)

3.12 Schools were asked for their preferred option from the following:

Option 1 requires an increase to the centrally held funding by £170,000 to £477,000 (£5.28 per pupil). This option:

- Ensures all schools are treated equitably.
- Ensures a consistent, compliant approach across Devon for schools and learners.
- Ensures that OAA schools do not need to incur any additional costs for appeals panels, presentation and paperwork as well as clerking and room hire.
- Provides a full admissions service to all schools including advice and guidance, in year co-ordination and access to a fully funded appeals package.
- Supports Schools in meeting their statutory duties regarding in-year applications as well as normal round.
- Maintains the freedoms accorded to OAA in terms of their admissions policy, supported by guidance from the Local Authority.
- Provides a fair, consistent and transparent service for families and for schools.

Option 2 is a traded service offer to all OAAs which will need to factor in the potential that some schools may not buy back. There will be a single level of service as highlighted above. Community and VC Schools will be automatically charged for admissions service 2019-20.

The non-statutory elements of the Admissions service will be fully traded assuming a 75% buy back at £2.38 per pupil based on October Census with Community and VC Schools automatically charged. This is in addition to the currently funded service of £307,000. (Total cost £5.78 per pupil).

3.13 Appendix D sets out the responses to the consultation with 139 of the 155 schools that responded (90%) preferring Option 1.

3.14 **Recommendation:**

That Schools Forum:

- i. agrees to continue to give £60,000 for the Emotional, Psychological and Social Wellbeing Service, co-produced by Public Health Devon and schools.
- ii. agrees to retain the funding centrally at the same level as 2018-19 for Phase Associations
- iii. agrees to Option 1 to increase the rate to £5.28 per pupil for Schools Admissions Service

All to Vote

4. Disapplications

Small Schools

4.1 Under funding arrangements from 2013-14 the Secretary of State agreed to allow some flexibility in the operation of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for very small schools (fewer than 53 pupils at the time of the October 2012 census) that had previously been in receipt of additional local protection.

4.2 The local authority is applying to the ESFA and awaiting approval for the same partial exclusion as in the past four years, where it applies the basic entitlement funding per pupil in the primary sector to the pupil number increase or reduction, rather than the school's individual per pupil value - which is significantly higher.

Dual Use

4.3 The 2018-19 baselines included one-off capital expenditure for dual use. We are seeking approval for the disapplication of these technical adjustments to exclude the costs from Minimum Funding Guarantee for 2018-19 baselines and add back the prior year adjustments.

4.4 **Recommendation:**

That Schools Forum notes the local authority's planned disapplication requests.

All to Note

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APPENDIX A

2019-20 SCHOOLS REVENUE FUNDING FORMULA

School Based By School Type	2018			2017			Variation from previous year	
	Total School Base	Total School Response	% Response	Total School Base	Total School Response	% Response	No of Schools	%age change
	Maintained Primary	179	67	37%	212	62	29%	5
Maintained Secondary	9	7	78%	13	12	92%	(5)	-15%
Special School	10	5	50%	10	0	0%	5	50%
Academy Primary	129	59	46%	93	16	17%	43	29%
Academy Secondary	33	17	52%	25	13	52%	4	7%
	360	155	43%	360	103	29%		

By Phase	2018			2017		
	Total School Base	Total School Response	% Response	Total School Base	Total School Response	% Response
	All Primary	308	126	41%	308	78
All Secondary	42	24	57%	42	25	60%
All Special	10	5	50%	10	0	0%
	360	155	43%	360	103	29%

LIST OF RESPONDING SCHOOLS

[Alphabetical by School name within Phase within Status]

Maintained - Primary

Ashwater Primary School	8782201	Maintained Primary
Awliscombe Church Of England Primary School	8783300	Maintained Primary
Bishops Nympton Primary School	8782210	Maintained Primary
Bishops Tawton Primary School	8782211	Maintained Primary
Bolham Community Primary School	8782717	Maintained Primary
Buckland Brewer Community Primary School	8782218	Maintained Primary
Chudleigh Church Of England Community Primary School	8783105	Maintained Primary
Clyst St Mary Primary School	8782009	Maintained Primary
Cockwood Primary School	8782411	Maintained Primary
Cornwood Church Of England Primary School	8783152	Maintained Primary
East Anstey Primary School	8782223	Maintained Primary
East-The-Water Community Primary School	8782207	Maintained Primary
Ermington Primary School	8782603	Maintained Primary
Exeter Road Community Primary School	8782043	Maintained Primary
Exminster Community Primary	8782420	Maintained Primary
Feniton Church Of England Primary School	8783312	Maintained Primary

Fremington Community Primary & Nursery School	8782226	Maintained Primary
Georgeham C Of E (VC) Primary School	8783059	Maintained Primary
Great Torrington Bluecoat Church Of England Primary School	8783061	Maintained Primary
Halwill Community Primary School	8782228	Maintained Primary
Hatherleigh Community Primary School	8782605	Maintained Primary
Haytor View Community Primary School	8783779	Maintained Primary
Hayward's Primary School	8782012	Maintained Primary
Hazeldown School	8782448	Maintained Primary
Heathcoat Primary School	8782723	Maintained Primary
Holsworthy Church Of England Primary School	8783063	Maintained Primary
Honiton Primary School	8782048	Maintained Primary
Kings Nympton Community Primary School	8782235	Maintained Primary
Kingskerswell Church Of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	8783112	Maintained Primary
Ladysmith Infant School	8782026	Maintained Primary
Landscore Primary School	8782082	Maintained Primary
Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit	8782237	Maintained Primary
Marpool Primary School	8782045	Maintained Primary
Marwood School	8782238	Maintained Primary
Newton Poppleford Primary School	8782054	Maintained Primary
Newtown Primary School	8782029	Maintained Primary
Parkham Primary School	8782241	Maintained Primary
Payhembury Church Of England Primary School	8783016	Maintained Primary
Pilton Infants' School	8782205	Maintained Primary
Pinhoe Church Of England Primary School	8783328	Maintained Primary
Rackenford Church Of England Primary School	8783772	Maintained Primary
Shaugh Prior Primary School	8782618	Maintained Primary
Shirwell Community Primary School	8782244	Maintained Primary
Silverton Church Of England Primary School	8783022	Maintained Primary
Southmead School	8782216	Maintained Primary
St Giles On The Heath Community School	8782242	Maintained Primary
St Martin's Church Of England Primary and Nursery School	8783005	Maintained Primary
St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Budleigh Salterton	8783304	Maintained Primary
St Sidwell's Church of England Primary School, Exeter	8783323	Maintained Primary
Starcross Primary School	8782442	Maintained Primary
Stoke Canon Church Of England Primary School	8783024	Maintained Primary
Swimbridge Church Of England Primary School	8783460	Maintained Primary
Tavistock Community Primary School	8782623	Maintained Primary
The Beacon Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Exmouth	8783309	Maintained Primary
The Castle Primary School	8782720	Maintained Primary
The Erme Primary School	8782609	Maintained Primary
The Topsham School	8782090	Maintained Primary
Tipton St John Church Of England Primary School	8783319	Maintained Primary
Trinity C of E VA Primary and Nursery School	8782046	Maintained Primary
Ugborough Primary School	8782710	Maintained Primary
Upottery Primary	8782073	Maintained Primary
West Hill Primary School	8782058	Maintained Primary
Whimble Primary School	8782074	Maintained Primary

Willand School	8782075	Maintained Primary
Winkleigh Primary School	8782252	Maintained Primary
Withycombe Raleigh Church Of England Primary School, Exmouth	8783011	Maintained Primary
Woodbury Church Of England Primary School	8783321	Maintained Primary
Woolsery Primary School	8782254	Maintained Primary

Maintained - Secondary

Cullompton Community College	8784010	Maintained Secondary
Dawlish College	8784101	Maintained Secondary
King Edward VI Community College	8784109	Maintained Secondary
Sidmouth College	8784011	Maintained Secondary
South Molton Community College	8784057	Maintained Secondary
St Peter's Church of England Aided School	8784607	Maintained Secondary
Tiverton High	8784192	Maintained Secondary

Academy - Primary

Alphington Primary School	8782017	Academy Primary
Ashburton Primary School	8782401	Academy Primary
Aveton Gifford Church Of England Primary School	8783100	Academy Primary
Bearnes Voluntary Primary School	8783115	Academy Primary
Black Torrington Church Of England Primary School	8783056	Academy Primary
Blackpool Church Of England Primary School	8783102	Academy Primary
Boasley Cross Community Primary School	8782601	Academy Primary
Bowhill Primary School	8782042	Academy Primary
Bradford Primary School	8782212	Academy Primary
Bridestowe Primary School	8782602	Academy Primary
Bridgerule Church Of England Primary School	8783057	Academy Primary
Brixington Primary Academy	8782051	Academy Primary
Buckfastleigh Primary School	8782409	Academy Primary
Chagford Church Of England Primary School	8783151	Academy Primary
Chudleigh Knighton Church Of England Primary School	8783106	Academy Primary
Chulmleigh Primary School	8782219	Academy Primary
Diptford Parochial Church Of England Primary School	8783108	Academy Primary
East Worlington Primary School	8782224	Academy Primary
Exbourne Church Of England Primary School	8783153	Academy Primary
Exwick Heights Primary School	8782022	Academy Primary
Gatehouse ACE Academy	8782044	Academy Primary
Harbertonford Church Of England Primary School	8783604	Academy Primary
Hawkchurch Church Of England School	8783012	Academy Primary
Hennock Community Primary School	8782421	Academy Primary
Highampton Community Primary School	8782255	Academy Primary
Holbeton School	8782607	Academy Primary
Ide Primary School	8782087	Academy Primary
Ilsington Church Of England Primary School	8783110	Academy Primary
Lady Seaward's Church of England Primary School, Clyst St George	8783307	Academy Primary
Landscope Church Of England Primary School	8783606	Academy Primary
Lapford Community Primary School	8782260	Academy Primary

Low Trenchard Church Of England Primary School	8783155	Academy Primary
Littletown Primary Academy	8782049	Academy Primary
Lydford Primary School	8782613	Academy Primary
Moretonhampstead Primary School	8782430	Academy Primary
Musbury Primary School	8782053	Academy Primary
Newton Ferrers Church Of England Primary School	8783156	Academy Primary
North Tawton Community Primary School	8782615	Academy Primary
Northlew And Ashbury Parochial Church Of England Primary School	8783157	Academy Primary
Okehampton Primary School and Foundation Unit	8782616	Academy Primary
Rockbeare Church Of England Primary School	8783317	Academy Primary
Salcombe Church Of England Primary School	8783124	Academy Primary
Sherford Vale	8782071	Academy Primary
Sidmouth Church Of England (VA) Primary School	8783318	Academy Primary
South Tawton Primary School	8782619	Academy Primary
St Thomas Primary School	8782032	Academy Primary
Stoke Gabriel Primary School	8782444	Academy Primary
Stowford School	8782709	Academy Primary
Tedburn St Mary School	8782088	Academy Primary
Uffculme Primary School	8782072	Academy Primary
Umberleigh Academy	8782248	Academy Primary
Wembury Primary School	8782624	Academy Primary
Westcliff School	8782064	Academy Primary
Widecombe In The Moor Primary	8782463	Academy Primary
Willowbank Primary School	8782084	Academy Primary
Woodlands Park Primary School	8782716	Academy Primary
Yealmpton Primary School	8782626	Academy Primary
Yeoford Community Primary School	8782076	Academy Primary

Academy - Secondary

Braunton School And Community College	8784053	Academy Secondary
Chulmleigh Community College	8784054	Academy Secondary
Clyst Vale Community College	8784009	Academy Secondary
Colyton Grammar School	8785400	Academy Secondary
Cranbrook Education Campus	8784013	Academy Secondary
Exmouth Community College	8784012	Academy Secondary
Honiton Community College	8784004	Academy Secondary
Isca	8784006	Academy Secondary
Ivybridge Community College	8784184	Academy Secondary
Newton Abbot College	8785404	Academy Secondary
Queen Elizabeth's Academy Trust	8784003	Academy Secondary
South Dartmoor Community College	8784108	Academy Secondary
St James' School	8784016	Academy Secondary
The Axe Valley Community College	8784021	Academy Secondary
The Axe Valley Community College	8784023	Academy Secondary
The King's School	8784005	Academy Secondary
Uffculme School	8785405	Academy Secondary

Maintained - Special

Marland School	8787088	Maintained Special
Orchard Manor	8787087	Maintained Special
Pathfield School	8787021	Maintained Special
Southbrook School	8787005	Maintained Special

Maintained -PRU

Devon Hospital Short Stay School	8781110	Maintained PRU
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2019-20 SCHOOLS FUNDING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Recommendation

It is recommended that DEF:

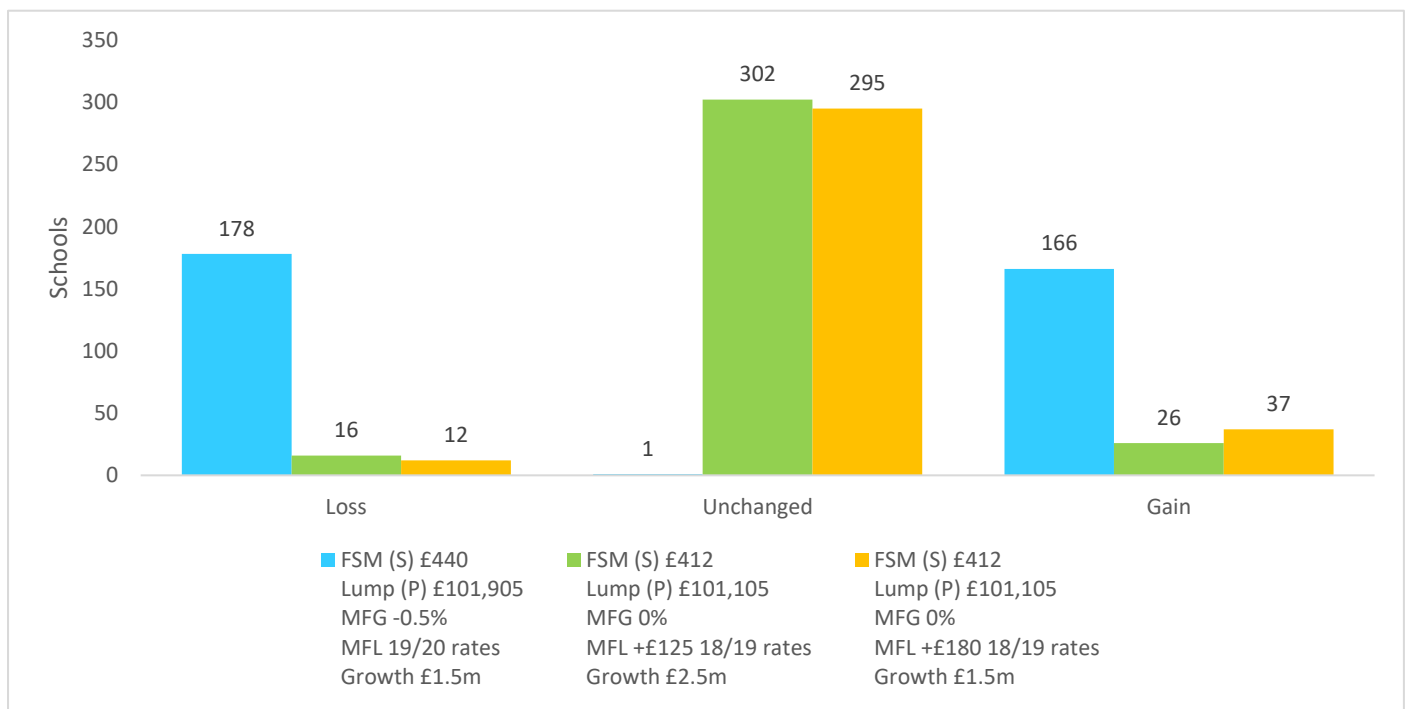
- a) Specifically approve the proposals for the allocation of the 2019-20 alternative arrangements of the school funding as set out in section 1 and make recommendations to cabinet.

All to vote

1. Option Appraisal

- 1.1 The following three options are felt to be the best fitting under the responses from the consultation and consider the views expressed by schools. Table 1 below shows the number of schools that gain and lose within each option.

Table 1: Schools Gaining / Losing from 2018-19 Funding Levels



Option A: Reinstate the MFL

- 1.2 A key concern raised at the consultation events was the decision to not increase the Minimum Funding Levels (MFL) from the £3,300 Primary; £3,842 All-through and £4,600 Secondary as this was an optional factor with the 2019-20 operational guidance.
- 1.3 In order to achieve the increased levels of £3,500 Primary; £4,082 All-through and £4,800 Secondary the growth fund agreement of £1 million from Schools Forum in March cannot be funded and there is a need to put in place negative Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

- 1.4 By putting in place a minus 0.5% MFG this will ensure that we are also able to increase The Free Schools Meals (Secondary) factor to the National Funding Formula level (NFF) of £440 and increase the Lump Sum (Primary) to £101,905.
- 1.5 This will see 166 (135 Primary; 31 Secondary) Schools gain funding and 178 (168 Primary; 9 Secondary) lose funding from that received in 2018-19.
- 1.6 Of those gaining there are 8 schools that will receive over £100,000, of which 3 secondaries greater than £200,000 and 1 receiving just under £400,000. At the other end the greatest loss, excluding the new and growing schools, is £11,000 within primary schools and £16,000 in a secondary school.

Option B: Retain MFG at 0%, Increase MFL

- 1.7 Part of the consultation focused on ensuring no school saw a reduction in funding from 2018-19 levels assuming that there is no reduction in non-pupil related factors or a drop in pupil numbers. Of those that responded 70% agreed that the MFG should be set at 0%.
- 1.8 Taking this into account this model sets the MFG at 0% and puts the £1 million back into the growth funding as agreed by School forum in March. This enables the MFL to increase by £125 per phase to £3,425 Primary; £3,967 All-through and £4,725 Secondary.
- 1.9 This will see 26 (11 Primary; 15 Secondary) schools gain and 16 (11 Primary; 5 Secondary) lose. The remaining 302 schools unchanged from the 18-19 funding.
- 1.10 Of those gaining there are 4 secondary schools that would receive over £100,000, of which 1 is receiving just under £250,000. Whilst the greatest loss, excluding the new and growing schools, is £1,000 within primary schools and £8,000 in a secondary school.

Option C: Retain MFG at 0%, Increase MFL

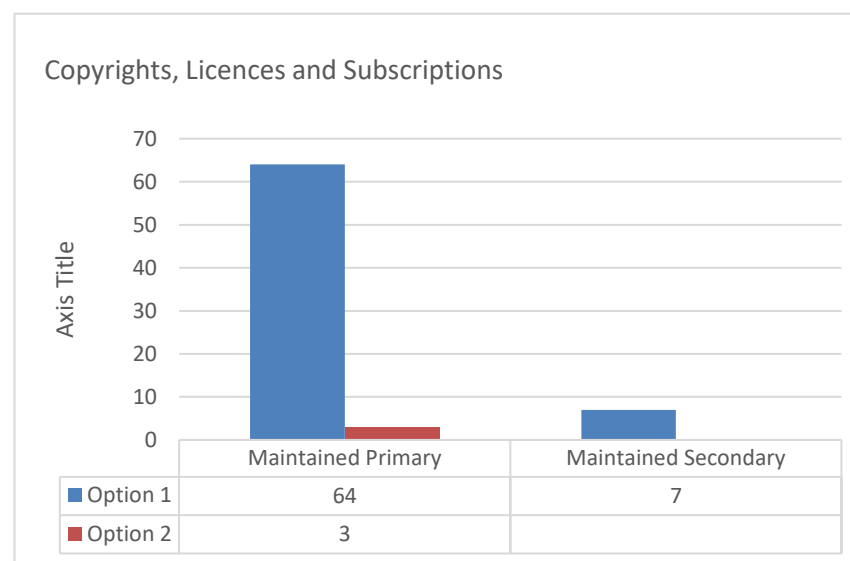
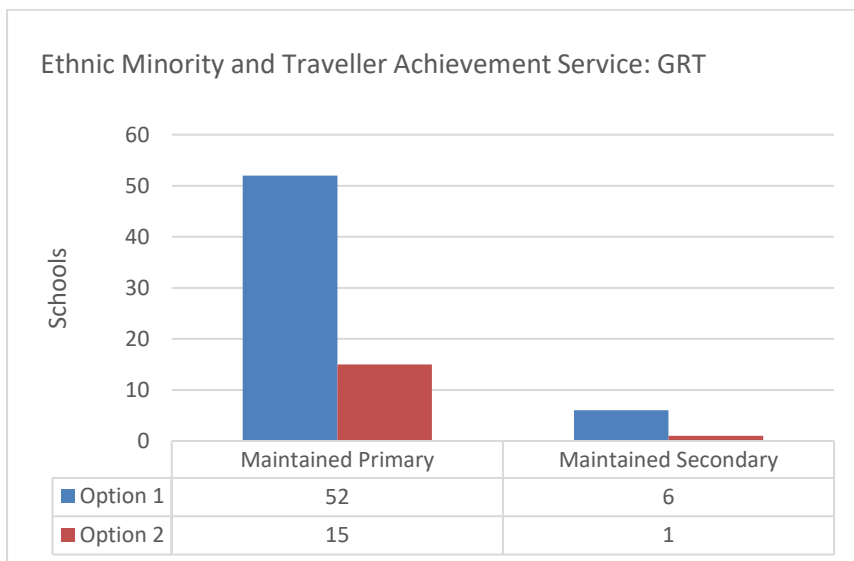
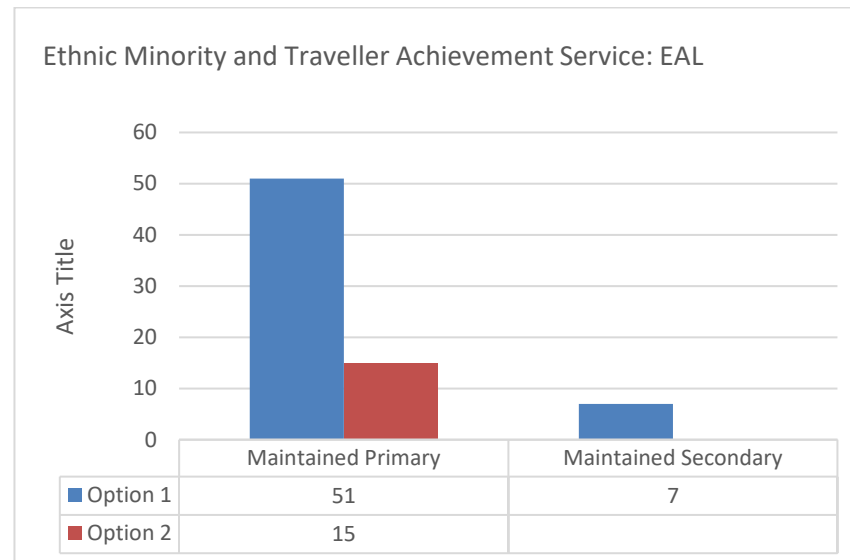
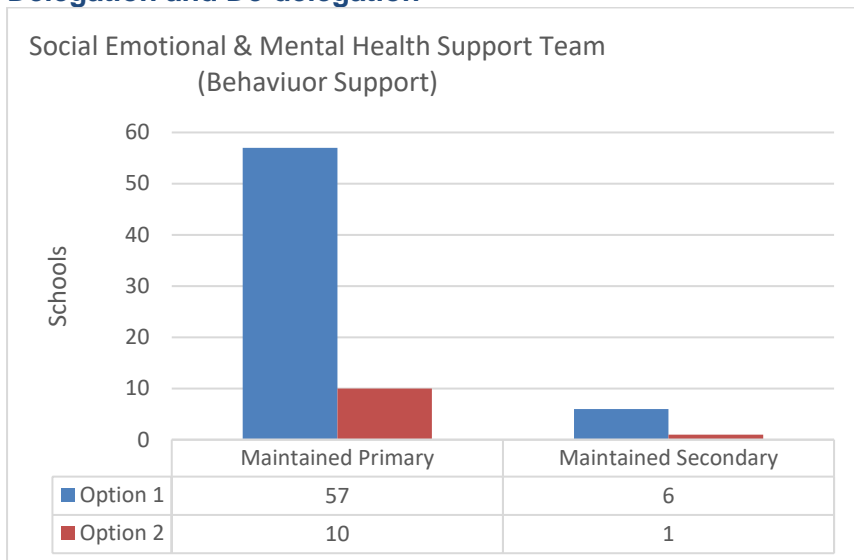
- 1.11 By adapting Model B to reflect that the £1 million has not been allocated to the growth fund on the assumption that the DfE will fund on the projected capped values given through their new funding methodology for growth we can increase the MFL further to £3,480 Primary, £4,022 All-through and £4,780 Secondary.
- 1.12 This will see 37 (16 Primary; 21 Secondary) schools gain and 12 (11 Primary; 1 Secondary) lose. The remaining 295 schools unchanged from the 18-19 funding.
- 1.13 Of those gaining there are 1 primary and 6 secondary schools that would receive over £100,000, of which 1 secondary is receiving just under £360,000. Whilst the greatest loss, excluding the new and growing schools, is £1,000 within primary schools and £7,500 in a secondary school.
- 1.14 A small number of schools continue to see a reduction to their funding due to other factors that are outside the control of the local factors. For Primary Schools the reduction to their funding is because of the change in the Primary Low Prior Attainment factor by the ESFA from £1,050 per pupil to £1,022 due to the increased cohort nationally. In addition, premises factors may alter the final funding value, but these are not considered when adjusting the MFG.

2. Recommendation

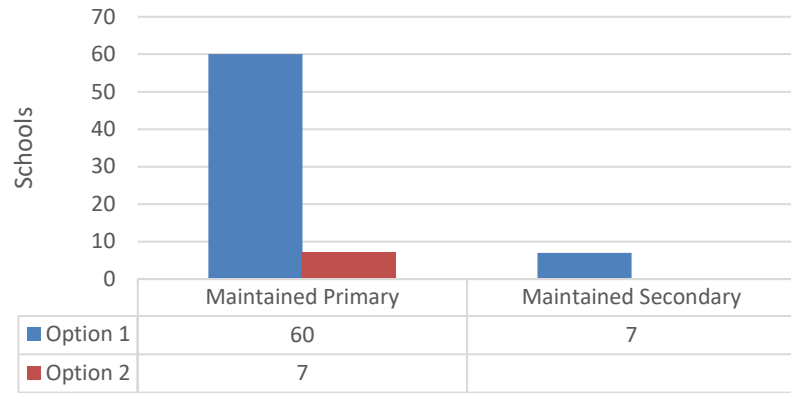
That Schools Forum agree Option B as it recognises the schools views to maintain a 0% MFG with the understanding that if the authority receives additional growth funding from the new methodology from the DfE that this is revised to Option C.

All to Vote

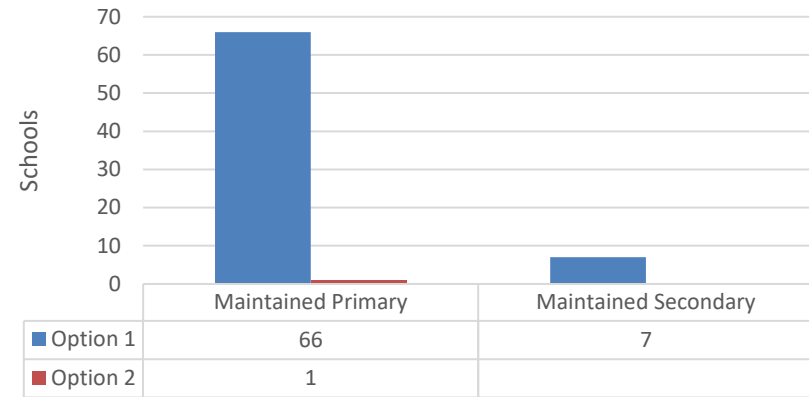
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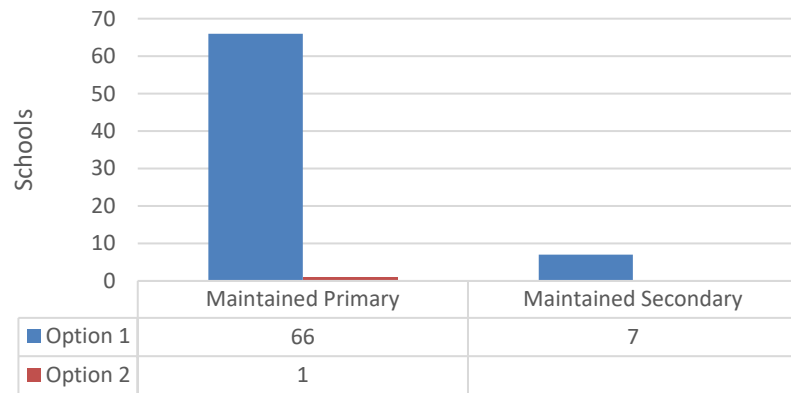
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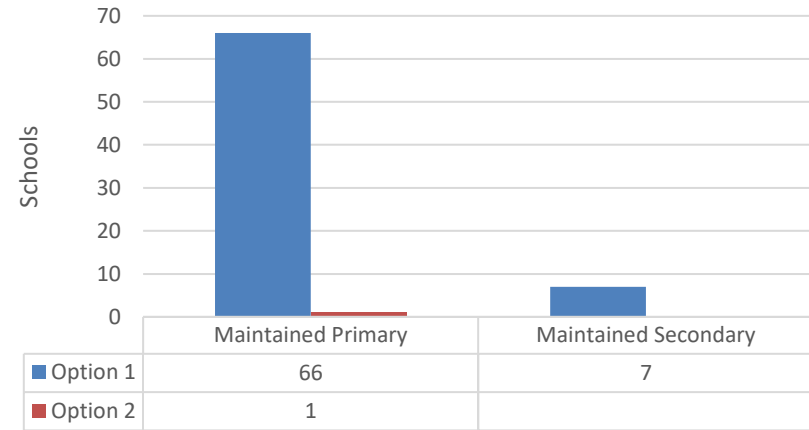
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Historic Commitments

