



Briefing note

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Purpose of the Paper:

Information	
Consultation	
Decision	√

Title of Briefing: Proposed Revision to the Scheme for Financing Schools

1. Purpose of the Report

Please find attached a revised draft of the Scheme for Financing Schools, the key document that sets out the financial relationship between the Local Authority and its maintained schools.

2. Background

It is based on statutory guidance published by the Department for Education (DfE), the latest version of which is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools>

Local authorities must take this guidance into account when schemes are revised.

4. Proposed Changes

There is only one directed revision relating to loan schemes and some minor updates following the changes in the Schools Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2018. In addition we are proposing to bring the North Tyneside Scheme in line with the national guidance in relation to the maximum period of a licenced deficit. The following revisions to the North Tyneside Scheme are as follows;

Section

Directed revision

- 4.10 Loan scheme – not applicable

Other changes

- 2.3.1 Submission of financial forecasts
- 2.6 Audit General
- 4.8 Balances of closing and replacement schools
- 6.2.15 Other circumstances in which charges may be made
- Annex A List of schools covered by the scheme
- Annex B Responsibility for redundancy and early retirement costs

Additional update

- 4.9 Licensed Deficits

5. Recommendation

The Schools Forum is recommended to approve the report and adopt the proposed draft of the Scheme for Financing Schools.