



North Tyneside  
Council

Item 9

# Briefing Notes

**To:** Schools Forum

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**Purpose of  
the Paper:**

Information	✓
Consultation	✓
Decision	✓

## Title of Briefing: Proposed Update to the Scheme for Financing Schools

### 1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1. 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:

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

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schemes-for-financing-schools)

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

### 3. Proposed Changes:

- 3.1. There are no major changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools since the version which was approved by Schools Forum in July 2021. There are however a number of minor revisions, deletions and minor updates to the scheme. These bring the North Tyneside Scheme in line with the national guidance. The following table lists revisions to the North Tyneside Scheme:

**Table 1: revisions to North Tyneside Scheme for Financing Schools for 2024**

Section	Revision
1	Update references to current scheme and regulations
2.4	Update to "School Resource Management"
2.10	Remove reference to "or any EU Procurement Directive"
2.15	Update "Director of Children's & Adults Services" to reflect current LA structure "Director of Children's Services"
2.15	Included reference to "insisting that an appropriately trained or qualified person chairs the finance committee of the governing body" as a possible action to safeguard a schools financial position.
4.5	Update "Director of Children's & Adults Services" to reflect current LA structure "Director of Children's Services"
4.9	Update "Head of Health, Education, Care & Safeguarding" to reflect current LA structure "Director of Children's Services"
8.2	Remove reference to "starting on or after 1 April 1999".
11.3	Update references to current scheme and regulations
14	"Section 14: Financial Transparency" removed as changes previously incorporated into the scheme.

#### **4. Recommendations:**

- 4.1. Having read this report and clearly understanding the information provided, Schools Forum is asked to:
1. Approve the report and adopt the proposed draft of the Scheme for Financing Schools as shown in Appendix A: Proposed Draft of Scheme for Financing Schools
- 4.2. Members are reminded of who is eligible to vote and the voting table is noted at Appendix A for Reference.

## Appendix A – Voting Table

North Tyneside Schools Forum Member Roles & Voting								<i>last updated September 2019</i>	
de-delegation Primary	de-delegation Secondary	scheme for financing schools	consultation on funding formula	General Duties	Retained Duties	all other matters			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
<b>Voting</b>							<b>Phase</b>	<b>Role</b>	
<b>School Members</b>									
x		x	x	x	x	x	First	Head	
x		x	x	x	x	x	Primary	Head	
	x	x	x	x	x	x	High	Head	
	x	x	x	x	x	x	Middle	Head	
	x	x	x	x	x	x	Secondary	Head	
<b>Other School Members Non Locality Based</b>									
x		x	x	x	x	x	Primary/ First	Governor	
	x	x	x	x	x	x	Secondary/Middle	Governor	
		x	x	x	x	x	Nursery	Head	
		x	x	x	x	x	PRU	Head	
		x	x	x	x	x	Special	Head	
			x		x	x	Academy	Other	
<b>Non Schools Members Non Locality Based</b>									
		x	x			x	16-19 Providers	Other	
			x			x	EY PVI	Other	
						x	C of E Diocese	Other	
						x	RC Diocese	Other	
						x	Trades Union	Other	