

FAIR FUNDING CONSULTATION PAPER SEPTEMBER 2015

RESPONSE FORM

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LOCAL SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA 2016-17
FOR ALL MAINSTREAM MAINTAINED SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

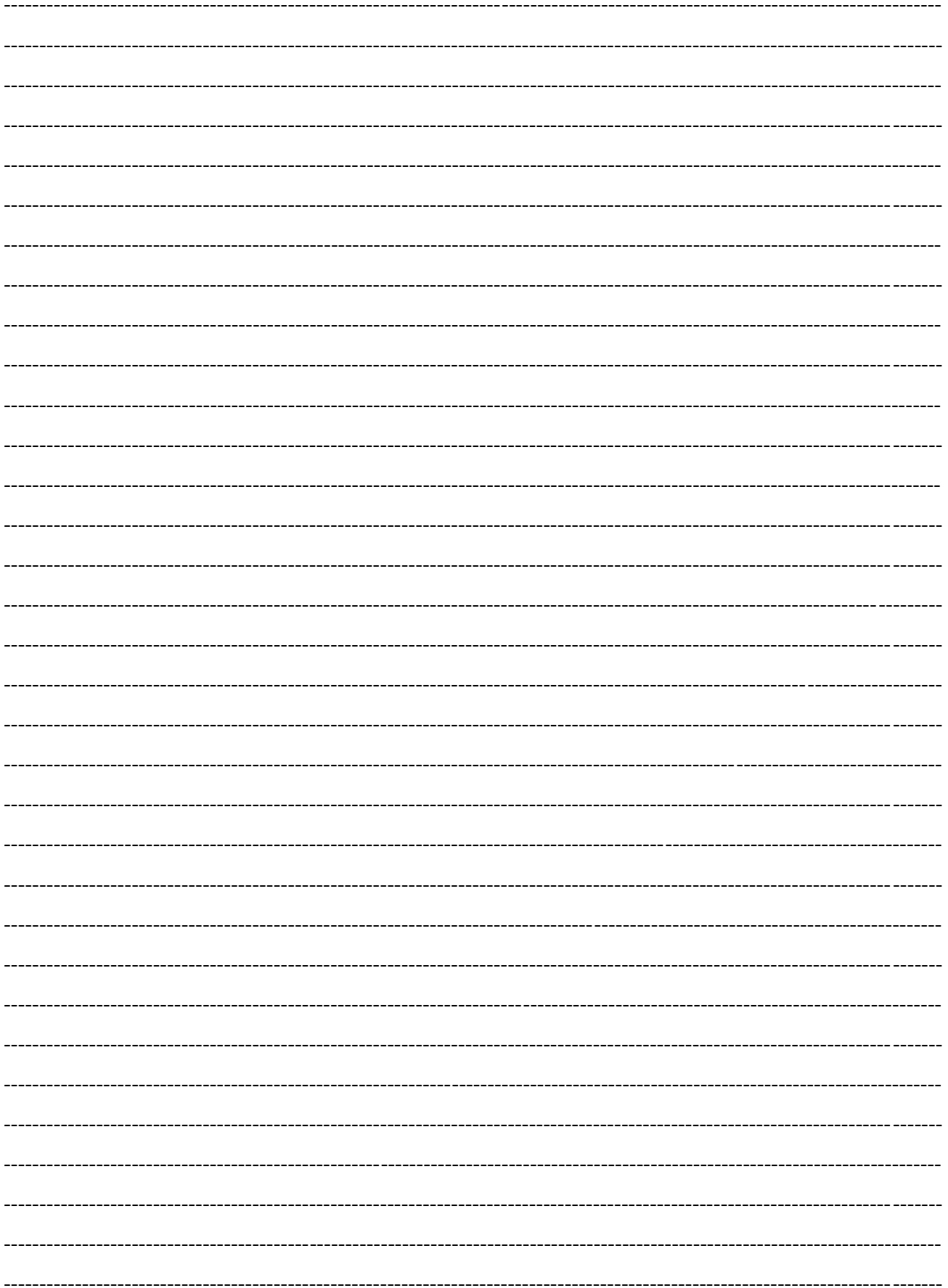
The following issues provide information on issues on the local schools formula.

- 1) There have been significant changes to the local schools funding formula in each of the last 3 years.
- 2) In June 2015, the LA requested the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to review its practice and they concluded for the LA: -
 - The consultation framework and practices were extremely thorough and innovative.
 - Had made changes they needed to make, with the current formula 2015-16 now being more of the norm.
 - Approach for annual formula change is extremely unusual and is a **LA outlier in terms of the range and types of changes**. The EFA confirmed that most LAs have not changed their local formula annually and have gone for stability with very little change from 2013-14.
 - **Keeping to the current formula from 2015-16 in Worcestershire for stability is now probably more appropriate at this stage.**
- 3) For local formula changes the statutory MFG/Capping will significantly mitigate the impact of any formula changes.
- 4) The national Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) is due to report on 25th November 2015. It is anticipated it will be setting the future direction of travel for the move towards a National Fair Funding Formula (NFFF) for LAs and schools.

So taking all of these issues into account there is no significant formula change proposed from the 2015-16 local funding formula model for 2016-17 apart from the 2015 and previous year data changes and the implementation of the MFG -1.5%/capping which has to be calculated on 2015-16 baseline.

As detailed in the consultation document at its meeting on 9 September 2015 the Worcestershire Schools Forum (WSF) confirmed their **preference for stability for 2016-17 and recommended a no change option for 2016-17** in advance of changes predicted for a National Fair Funding Formula (NFFF).

Please give your comments on this proposed approach: -



OTHER CONSULTATION ISSUES

CONSULTATION QUESTION 1

APPLICABLE TO ALL MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS MAINTAINED AND ACADEMIES

Do you support increasing the PFI subsidy factor in the local schools formula to support a reduction in the amount needing to be contributed by the 7 relevant schools?

Yes / No

Please give your comments if you wish on this question.

CONSULTATION QUESTION 2

APPLICABLE TO ALL MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS MAINTAINED AND ACADEMIES

Do you support the proposed change in the definition for Notional SEN for 2016-17?

Yes / No

Please give your comments if you wish on this question.

CONSULTATION QUESTION 3

APPLICABLE TO MAINSTREAM MAINTAINED SCHOOLS ONLY

Do you support the arrangements for delegation and de-delegation as detailed for 2015-16 to continue for 2016-17?

Yes / No

Please give your comments if you wish on this question.

CONSULTATION QUESTION 4

APPLICABLE TO ALL MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS MAINTAINED AND ACADEMIES

Do you support the arrangements for centrally retained services as detailed for 2015-16 to continue for 2016-17?

Yes / No

Please give your comments if you wish on this question.

CONSULTATION QUESTION 5

APPLICABLE TO ALL MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS MAINTAINED AND ACADEMIES

Please indicate your preferred for the future of the Falling Rolls Fund (FRF) as follows: -

Option 1 – No longer operate a FRF and include the current budget in the local schools funding formula for the benefit of all schools

Option 2 – Continue to operate a FRF on the revised criteria as detailed

Please give your comments if you wish on this question.

Please detail any further comments you wish to make on any of the consultation issues: -

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Thank you for your time in completing this and results will be considered by members of Worcestershire Schools Forum (WSF) and the WCC Cabinet in October 2015.