

**DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**ITEM NO 4**

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**DFE CONSULTATION – FAIR FUNDING FOR ALL: COMPLETING OUR REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (NFF)**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To update Forum regarding the above DFE consultation

**Background**

2. In July the DFE issued a consultation outlining proposed changes to the national funding formula in future years. This consultation closed on 30<sup>th</sup> September.
3. Attached at appendix 1 is a copy of the consultation document, however the attached table (appendix 2) summarises the questions that were asked in the consultation and provides some additional information.
4. This paper is intended to provide Forum with an insight into the DFE future thinking regarding the NFF.
5. This is the first part of the process with further detailed consultations expected as the detailed changes are identified.
6. In addition when the hard formula is introduced there will be changes to the role of the School Forum, as current roles regarding the funding formula will disappear. A review of Forum arrangements will therefore take place.

**Recommendations**

7. That Forum notes the proposals that the DFE are considering

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