

Report to:	SCHOOLS' FORUM
Date:	22 October 2019
Reporting Officer:	Tom Wilkinson, Assistant Director of Finance
Subject:	SCHEME OF FINANCING FOR SCHOOLS UPDATE
Report Summary:	This report outlines the changes to Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools. Changes are needed to the scheme to update for DFE directed changes and reflect local changes.
Recommendations:	<p>Schools Forum note the directed revisions for inclusion in the scheme.</p> <p>Schools Forum note the suggested changes to the Tameside Scheme of Financing which are local discretion for consultation with Maintained Schools</p>
Corporate Plan:	Schools spending support the Starting Well agenda to provide the very best start in life where children are ready to learn and encouraged to thrive and develop, and supporting aspiration and hope through learning and moving with confidence from childhood to adulthood
Policy Implications:	In line with financial policies and financial regulations
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	There are no direct financial costs as a result of this report. The report brings the local Scheme of Financing in line with Department of Education's latest directed changes. This makes the local scheme compliant.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	There is a need to regularly review the scheme and ensure fit for purpose and legally compliant and all members of the Forum and wider school community should be aware as they establish the rules for conducting schools business.
Risk Management:	Not updating the scheme in line with the DFE latest regulation could result in challenge from our schools in relation use of appropriate provisions of the scheme.
Access to Information:	<p style="text-align: center;">NON-CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.</p>
Background Information:	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Christine Mullins</p> <p> Telephone: 0161342 3216</p> <p> e-mail: Christine.mullins@tameside.gov.uk</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Local Authorities are required to publish schemes for financing schools setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain. The DfE has issued revised guidance on Local Authority schemes for financing schools which Local Authorities must take into account when they revise their scheme

2. REVISION TO TAMESIDE SCHEME OF FINANCING

- 2.1 Changes to some of the wording in the scheme are called 'directed revisions'. This means that Authorities must incorporate within, or remove from, their schemes the specified wording and no other process is needed in order to make the changes. The power of directed revision is used, to remove outdated provisions and to insert new provisions that are required for the implementation of policy.
- 2.2 The summary of scheme changes is as follows:
- Directed revisions already announced
 - The Local Authority has updated Tameside's scheme in accordance with the specified instructions
- 2.3 A full review of the scheme has been carried out and the necessary amendments are shown in **Appendix A**, alongside directed provisions, this will bring the scheme up to date.
- 2.4 Schools Funding Group and the Maintained School Sector will be consulted on the changes to the scheme. The results of consultation will reported back to Schools Forum for consideration and approval of the scheme.
- 2.5 A copy of the summary changes can be found at **Appendix A** and the scheme of Financing is at **Appendix B**. Both will be sent to schools as part of the consultation.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As set out at the front of the report.