

Report to:	SCHOOLS' FORUM
Date:	26 November 2019
Reporting Officer:	Tom Wilkinson, Assistant Director Finance
Subject:	SCHEME OF FINANCING FOR SCHOOLS 2019
Report Summary:	This report outlines the changes to Tameside Scheme of Financing for Schools with the outcome of the Consultation. Changes are needed to the scheme to update for DFE directed changes and reflect local changes.
Recommendations:	The revised Scheme of Financing is approved for adoption by all maintained schools in Tameside Borough.
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
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)	Section 48 and Schedule 14 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires local authorities to publish schemes setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain. In making changes, all maintained schools in the area are required to be consulted, in addition to receiving approval of the members of the schools forum representing maintained schools.
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:	NON-CONFIDENTIAL This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.
Background Information:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Christine Mullins  Telephone: 0161342 3216  e-mail: Christine.mullins@tameside.gov.uk

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A report to the October Forum outlined the proposed Scheme of Financing (SOF) for consultation. Local Authorities are required to publish schemes for financing schools setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain.
- 1.2 The Tameside SOF has been updated to reflect the DfE directed revisions and changes to reflect Local Practice , a schedule of changes can be found at Appendix A and the Scheme of Financing for Implementation can be found at Appendix B.

2. CONSULTATION ON THE SCHEME

- 2.1 As outlined in the report to 22 October 2019, consultation with Tameside Maintained Schools between 10 October 2019 and 31 October 2019.
- 2.2 There were no objections to the changes to the SOF from any schools
- 2.3 Two schools requested clarification on some of the changes. One of the questions has led to the merging of paragraph 2.3 with 2.3.1.as they both relate to budget planning and the separation was leading to confusion.
- 2.4 Schools Forum maintained sector are requested to approve the revised scheme for immediate implementation.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

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