Proposed Funding Model

2018/19 Transition Year 1

- 1. The current lump sums paid to schools will be phased out to adopt a wholly "money follows the child" model. It is acknowledged that the move to a new model in the 2018/19 academic year will have a significant effect on some schools, therefore in order to give schools more time to plan their budgets, there will be a transitional year starting from September 2018. Transitional protection arrangements will be put in place to ensure no school will lose more than 25% of the funding they would have received under the current system.
- 2. These proposals were presented to Schools Forum on 10th July 2018 and will be implemented from September 2018.

2019/20 Transition Year 2

- 3. The changes introduced in the 2018/19 will ensure that a universal banding model is in place in both primary and secondary phases. In order to achieve stability for the High Needs Block it is proposed that changes are made to the financial allocation to schools which is applied under the current banding model.
- 4. It is proposed to revise the level of top up applied and introduce a new banding linked to the new SEND ranges model which details the expected interventions across seven levels of need.

Range		Band	Additional
			"top up"
			Funding
1	Mainstream-AWPU	1	Nil
2	Mainstream-Notional	2	Nil
	SEN (£6,000)		
3	Mainstream-Notional	3	Nil
	SEN (£6,000)		
4	Mainstream/Resource	4a	£3500
	Base	4b	£6000
5	Resource	5a	£8500
	Base/Specialist	5b	£10000
	Placement		
6	Specialist	6a	£12500
		6b	£15000
		6c	£20000
7	Independent Special	7	Determined
	Placement		by need

5. Ranges 1 to 3 cover the support expected from the pupil funding and the notional SEN funding whilst Range 7 will only apply to independent specialist provision, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

6. It is unlikely pupils in mainstream school will be banded above Band 5a as the needs in ranges 1 to 5 have been identified as being reasonably supported at a mainstream provision. The majority of those with support needs above £6,000 notional SEN funding will sit in Band 4.