

WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM
SOCIAL DEPRIVATION SUB-GROUP NOTES OF MEETING 24th APRIL 2007

In Attendance

Andy McHale – Children’s Services Resources
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DETAIL	ACTION
<p><u>1. Recap on Previous Discussions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group purpose reconfirmed on the need to respond to a DfES review of the local funding for Social Deprivation. • Areas discussed on current funding models, link to pupil attainment/outcomes, pockets of in LA deprivation and overall funding levels. 	
<p><u>2. Funding Issues</u></p> <p><u>DSG Notional Deprivation Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of LA notional amounts tabled. This is based upon the previous SFSS model in 2005/06. • In 2007/08 out of 149 LA’s WCC is 119th in terms of % (7.29% £19.96m) and 122nd in terms of deprivation funding per pupil (£258.93). • Wide range between LA’s (5.27% to 22.27% and £198.06 to £1,326.30) noted. <p><u>Existing WCC Local Funding Formula Details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper on existing formula components for social deprivation, SEN and AEN discussed. • Total amounts allocated and % of primary/secondary ISB shown. • Including all factors with total DSG designated headroom for personalisation, is up to £29.61m, with defined ‘notional SEN’ of £21.16m. <p><u>Existing WCC Local Funding Formula Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Social Deprivation via FSM – affected by registered entitlement and local kitchen provision. • School Action Plus – includes numerous factors. • Pupil and School Support – replaced statemented hours <15 in 2006/07. Significant increase in budget resource from DSG headroom. • Targeted EAL – needs to be considered with small Standards Fund Grant. • Can demonstrate that allocate significant resources via various factors from an extremely low base. • Discussions on the further use of ACORN and SEN factors to allocate resources. <p><u>Basic Modelling on FSM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic model ran and tabled. • This compared the 2006/07 allocations for general social 	

<p>deprivation using FSM thresholds to an allocation driven by formula ACORN scores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resulted in significant variations on individual schools and between sectors. • Mainly due to current formula targeting FSM on a % of the roll related to FSM and not just on pure FSM pupil numbers. Some schools in more deprived areas already receiving significant sums via this factor. • Initial work has shown no real correlation with attainment but this to be pursued further along with VA data. • Agreed that any proposed formula change would need to be gradual and possibly funded by available DSG headroom. • Will look at a further modelling using some ACORN thresholds. 	<p>AMcH</p> <p>TM</p>
<p><u>3. Other LA Research</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current position tabled. From 9 LA's contacted replies from 2 – West Sussex and Birmingham. • West Sussex uses IMD data for distributing resources linking some to attainment. • Birmingham uses SOA data for the most deprived wards. • Both have only used new resource via DSG headroom to target deprived schools. • Felt neither LA was a match for Worcestershire but group agreed to pursuing relevant dialogue. • Recognition of a need to have any data set for distribution that is explainable, collectable, robust, a good measure and sustainable. • The use of SOA data for the Children's Centre agenda was noted and it was agreed to pursue this area as a source. 	<p>AMcH/TM</p>
<p><u>4. DfES Consultation Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant extract from consultation paper tabled. • Discusses how to reflect deprivation in the DSG allocations to LA's and the potential use of geographical based indicators. • Also considering methods for targeting funding at pockets of deprivation in less deprived LA's. • To be discussed at the next Schools Forum meeting. 	<p>All</p>
<p><u>5. AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on timescales for any proposals for consultation 	

Documents shared/discussed at the meeting: -

DfES deprivation funding data at the LA level
WCC formula components 2006/07 and 2007/08
FSM modelling
Other LA research position statement
DfES consultation extract March 2007

Date of next meeting: **12th June 2007 Room J2 05 County Hall**