

## **Consultation with schools on the mainstream school funding formula**

A consultation on the school funding formula is running for the 6 weeks prior to the October Schools Forum. This did not include the early years formula as we are awaiting further guidance from the government on the extension of the entitlement to 30 hours per week and the outcome of its review of funding rates for early years education for 3 and 4 year olds. Schools were provided with detailed guidance on the proposals and asked to indicate their preferred option by listing the 3 options in order of preference

Option 1 – no change in the funding formula

Option 2 – change the cap for schools gaining over the previous year

Option 3 – add £10 to the AWPU and also change the cap for schools gaining over the previous year.

Responses were very slow to begin with, but following various reminders, a more representative number of schools have expressed their views. Some also made other useful comments. A full analysis of the responses will be brought to the Schools Forum meeting for the Schools Forum to consider.