

## **2016/17 APT submission – provisional version**

The council is required to submit a provisional version of the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) at the end of October for the financial year April 2016 to March 2017.

The APT lists each school, including academies, and their proposed budget share for pupils in Reception to Year 11. Pupil numbers are estimated as the data from the October census will not yet be available and the funding formula will either be the same as in 15/16, or one of the other options proposed in the consultation, if the council has agreed a change (following advice from the Schools Forum).

The pupil number estimates take account of schools which have expanded in September 2015 or which are due to open new year groups in September 2016 (or both).

Final data from the census will be released by the DfE in December and the APT will be recalculated and resubmitted in January 2016 using the same formula as the provisional submission. However, if the new Free School Meals checking service results in a substantial increase in the FSM6 measure (i.e. the number of pupils eligible for free school meals any time in the last 6 years), and the increase in funding is not dampened by the effect of the MFG / CAP system, it may be necessary to decrease the funding rate in the formula to maintain affordability. It should be noted, however, that the overall effect will still have been an overall increase in funding levels.

**Recommendation – The Schools Forum is asked to approve this approach for the October APT submission.**