

**EYSFF CONSULTATION FOR 2017-18 WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS  
FORUM (WSF) ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
JANUARY AND MARCH 2017.**

As the statutory consultation body for schools funding issues and local schools formula development, the Worcestershire Schools Forum (WSF) met to receive and discuss the national Fair Funding Policy Decisions for Early Years (EY) and Consultation issues as follows:

On 11 January 2017: -

The Government Consultation Responses to both the Entitlement Delivery Model for the additional 15 hours for working parents from September 2017 and for EY DSG Funding from 2017-18.

The draft EY funding local consultation paper.

On 2 March 2017 the outcomes of the local consultation issues launched on 19 January 2017.

The main areas discussed are detailed in the following sections.

**WSF MEETING 11 JANUARY 2017**

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The WSF were given an opportunity for further comments to be made to the draft documents. Following this the formal consultation was issued to all EY providers on 19 January 2017 with a return date of 20 February 2017.

### **WSF MEETING 2 MARCH 2017**

The WSF considered: -

A report summarising the consultation process and key outcomes and issues raised by providers.

The summary consultation outcomes for each of the **8 consultation questions** as detailed in this report **Appendix 2**.

The detailed issues raised by the consultation responses as detailed in this report **Appendix 3**.

Recommendations for consideration by the LA as detailed in this

**Consultation Question 5 Centrally retaining a share of the EY DSG in line with DfE constraints to support the functions detailed**

The WSF noted this was supported overall but that the increase on the current level proposed is disproportionate and should be reduced. There was a request for more consultation and clarity on what is spent currently and proposed.

**Consultation Question 6 The only supplement being the mandatory one for deprivation based upon on the current model and funding level?**

The WSF noted this was supported overall to restrict to current one for deprivation. There was a request to consider increasing this is funds allowed.

**Consultation Question 7 The minor element of funding for SEND GR1 to be designated as low cost to be part of the new Single Basic Hourly Rate?**

The WSF noted this was supported overall.