



## Briefing note

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### **Title of Briefing: Legislative Update - National Funding Formula**

#### Purpose:

1. To advise Schools Forum of the consultation documents released by the Department of Education
2. To seek views from the Schools Forum as to whether a Forum response is to be made and, if so, how it wishes to proceed

#### **1. Summary**

In the Autumn Statement, on 25 November 2015, the Chancellor announced the intention to consult on a national funding formula for schools and high needs arrangements. On 7 March 2016 the Department for Education (DfE) released the consultation documents and supporting information. For ease of reference, these documents can be found at:

main consultation: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula>

high needs: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/high-needs-funding-reform>

In the consultation documents the DfE specifically request submissions from Schools Forum. The deadline is 17 April 2016, which is before the next Schools Forum meeting.

It is recommended that the Schools Forum discuss whether it is desirable to submit a response from the North Tyneside Schools Forum. If it is decided to make a submission, it is recommended that consideration is given to convening a smaller sub-group of Forum. Officers from the Local Authority and ENGIE can assist in this process if required.