

Fair Funding Review - Implications for Local Authorities from the Consultation Paper (December 2017)

19 February 2018 – Novotel, Leeds

22 February 2018 – Mansell Street, London

The Government issued its latest consultation paper on the Fair Funding Review in December 2017. CIPFA's Funding Advisory Service will be running these events to help authorities make their responses to the consultation paper. The deadline for responses is 12 March 2018.

These events are designed to help authorities understand the implications of that consultation paper. We will provide an insight into the wider debate on "needs", and the various options that different representative groups are supporting.

To support the events, we will be sharing the outputs from the models that the FAS has created around Fair Funding. We will show authorities how the current funding formula works, and how it might change in 2020-21. We will look at the impact of population, taxbase and potential changes to the formula, including the moves towards using cost drivers. Our open-source model will be available to FAS subscribers. .

09.15 – 10.00	Registration and Refreshments
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Day Adrian Jenkins, CIPFA FAS and Pixel Financial Management
10.10 – 10.50	Fair Funding Review – An Overview In this opening session we will set the scene for the Fair Funding Review. We will look at the major themes that the review is covering, the proposals that are being made by each of the major representative groups, and the likely shape of a future funding formula. Adrian Jenkins, CIPFA FAS and Pixel Financial Management
10.50 – 11.30	The Consultation Paper: Reviewing the Questions We will review the questions that are asked by the Government in the consultation paper. This will allow us to explore the direction of travel of the Fair Funding Review, and to establish the issues that are important. It will help authorities to shape their responses to the consultation. Dan will use his experience from the Needs and Redistribution Working Group to inform this session. Dan Bates, CIPFA FAS
11.25 – 11.50	Refreshments
11.50 – 12.20	The Current Fair Funding Formula – How it Works, and Updating it for 2020-21 In this session, Dan will review the way that the current formula is calculated. It will show us which top-ups and indicators are most important in the current distribution of resources, and we will be able to see the top-ups that are excluded from the consultation paper (e.g. density, additional population). We will also review the relative sizes of the current top-ups (e.g. sparsity, deprivation). Dan Bates, CIPFA FAS

12.20 -13.00	Updating the Fair Funding Model We have reviewed the key decisions that the Government will have to take as part of the FFR. These decisions include: use of forecasts or estimated population; relative size of each of the service blocks; operation of damping; council tax equalisation; and weighting of the indicators and top-ups. We will use our modelling to indicate the potential impact at authority and class level. This will help authorities to determine the relative importance of these crucial issues to their authority. Adrian Jenkins, Pixel Financial Management
13.00 - 13.50	Lunch
13.50 – 14.35	Implications for individual authorities In this session, Dan will look in detail at individual authorities and will use analysis from our Fair Funding Model to show what the impact could possibly be. There will be specific emphasis on the impact of new tax bases and population figures. Dan Bates, Pixel Financial Management
14.35 - 15.15	WORKSHOP 1 – UPPER TIER AUTHORITIES WORKSHOP 2 – DISTRICT COUNCILS In these workshops, we allow authorities to explore the issues in more depth and to focus on the issues that are most relevant to their type of authority. The workshops will be supported by Adrian and Dan.
15.15 – 15.35	Refreshments
15.35 – 16.00	Plenary Session – Review of the model assumptions, medium term financial planning, and future direction of the CIPFS FAS We will review both the latest Fair Funding model, and our MTFP model. We will discuss how authorities could integrate potential changes in the Fair Funding Review into their medium term financial forecasts. CIPFA FAS Associate
16.00	Close (and networking opportunities)

Why Attend?

This event is packed with the latest guidance on key areas of local government funding that practitioners need to be aware of when considering their resource envelope, as well as interesting and innovative authority case studies. There will be plenty of opportunities to interact with speakers and other practitioners to help your authority develop sound and deliverable funding strategies. The event will focus on the local government funding system and how it will change over the coming years.

Non-Member Rate: £275.00

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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