

<b>Schools' Forum 6 July 2022</b>	
<b>Report from the Executive Director of Resources</b>	
<b>Revision to the Scheme for Financing Maintained Schools</b>	
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	N/A
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**This report is for decision by school forum representatives from maintained schools**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 Local authorities are required to publish schemes for financing schools, setting out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain. This is a requirement of s.48(4) and paragraph 2A(2) of Schedule 14 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

**2 Recommendation**

2.1 Representatives of Schools' Forum from maintained schools are asked to approve a change to the tendering limit from £10,000 to £25,000 set out in section 3 below.

**3 Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1 Schools have fed back to the Local Authority that the £10,000 tendering threshold is too low and they felt it burdensome to go out and do a full tender exercise for purchases above this level.

3.2 The Local Authorities tendering threshold is £25,000 and it is proposed to align this threshold in the Scheme for Financing Maintained Schools.

#### **4 Background**

- 4.1. The Local Authority can amend the Scheme for Financing Maintained Schools after consultation with maintained schools.

#### **5 Supporting Information**

- 5.1. There is no additional supporting information.

#### **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

#### **7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 Maintaining the status quo is the alternative but is not deemed appropriate, while the proposed change is acceptable to the council.

#### **8 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 8.1 Not applicable

#### **9 Legal Implications**

- 9.1 Legal Services have confirmed there are no legal implications for this report.

#### **10 Equality Implications**

- 10.1 Not applicable