

List of Questions

Chapter 2 Schools Transfer

- Question 1: Do you think that there should be a customised damping system?
- Question 2: Do you have comments on the Government's other proposals, to adjust the base using spend figures and to isolate police, fire and shire district authorities from the effects of the transfer?

Chapter 3 New Grant System

- Question 3: Whether we should use the proposed alternative grant system?

Chapter 6 Education – LEA Block

- Question 4: Do you think we should remove the element for Further Education residual pensions?
- Question 5: Do you think the LEA damping block should be removed?

Chapter 7 Personal Social Services

- Question 6: Do you agree with the Government's proposal to implement option SSC1? If not, what alternative would you propose?
- Question 7: Which option for updating the Foster Cost Adjustment do you prefer?
- Question 8: Do you think that there should be specific floors with either ceilings or scaling factors on the children's social services FSS to limit the extent of the changes?
- Question 9: Which needs formula option do you prefer– SSE1 or SSE2?
- Question 10: Do you agree with the proposal to revise the Low Income Adjustment to include 2001 Census data?
- Question 11: Which method of distributing the sparsity top up do you prefer?
- Question 12: Do you favour increasing the quantum for the sparsity adjustment to more than 0.4%?
- Question 13: Which option do you prefer for the Younger Adults Social Services formula?

Chapter 8 Police

Question 14: Which of the four police options POL2, POL3, POL4 or POL5 do you prefer?

Question 15: Do you agree that dedicated security funding should be switched from general to specific grant?

Chapter 9 Fire and Rescue

Question 16: Do you think that the weight of the fixed element for community fire safety should be doubled to 6% (FIR3 and FIR4)?

Question 17: Do you agree with the proposal (FIR5) to use a property and societal risk indicator to replace the fire safety enforcement indicator? If not, what would you prefer?

Question 18: Which proposal (FIR6 or FIR7) would you prefer to see used as the risk index indicator?

Question 19: Do you agree with the proposal to include a fixed element for sparsity (FIR8)?

Chapter 10 Highway Maintenance

Question 20: Do you agree that back lanes should be included in the highway maintenance formula?

Chapter 11 Environmental, Protective and Cultural Services

Question 21: Do you think we should adjust the coefficients for concessionary fares?

Question 22: Do you think we should make any further changes to coefficients; for example, it has been argued that we should do so to take into account the increasing expenditure on waste?

Question 23: Do you think we should update the fixed cost element?

Question 24: Do you agree with the proposed method for transferring COWs to the Environment agency?

Chapter 12 Capital Financing

Question 25: Do you think we should remove the Interest Receipt elements?

Question 26: If we retain one or both of the Interest Receipt elements, do you have any views on how they should be distributed?

Question 27: If so, should we reduce other FSS totals to compensate, or not? And if we reduce other FSS elements, where should we make the reductions?

Chapter 13 Area Cost Adjustment

- Question 28: Do you have any comments on our intention to use the full ASHE data set to calculate the ACA?
- Question 29: Do you think that we should remove the very small rates cost adjustment, or do you think that we should update the weighting of the RCA in line with 2003/4 expenditure data?
- Question 30: Do you agree with the Government's proposal to retain the current method of setting the lower limit for options ACA1-3?
- Question 31: Do you think that we should calculate a separate ACA factor for each upper tier authority?
- Question 32: If we implement the change above, which option for setting the lower limit do you prefer?

Chapter 14 Additional Resource Equalisation

- Question 33: Do you think we should increase resource equalisation?
- Question 34: Which of the options do you prefer?

Chapter 15 Floor Damping

- Question 35: Do you consider that the capital adjustment should be abolished?
- Question 36: Which approach for paying for damping you prefer (i.e. the existing method, DMP2 or DMP3)?

Chapter 16 Day Visitors

- Question 37: Would you prefer us to use the new day visitors indicator?