**EYSFF Consultation Feedback – October 2018**

There were 19 responses received: 17 from schools and 2 from PVI providers.

**Funding formula for 3 and 4-year-olds feedback**

Merton Council is proposing no change to the existing EYSFF. Do you agree with this proposal?

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| **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** |
| 18 |  | 1 |

No comments.

**Funding formula for 2-year-olds**

Merton Council intends to continue to use the funding allocation for 2-year-olds solely for this purpose and not move any funding between 2 year old and 3 and 4-year-old allocations.

No comments made.

**SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF)**

It is proposed that the value of the SENIF continue to be based on the factors as described in the document on paragraph 4.3.6. Do you agree with this proposal?

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| **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** |
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Comments:

*“We would like to have more information on the new tier “level 1d”*

*“The SEN funding is insufficient to cater for all SEN children within the school ie including SEN additional that require extra interventions and also support High needs children. The High needs EHCP banding is wholly inadequate at covering the real costs of staffing and support given.”*

*“We frequently get children in our nursery that are high needs that need an EHCP assessment. Would level 1d be available in any nursery provision?”*

**Contingency**

Merton Council continues to propose a contingency as part of the high pass through rate, which is allocated at the end of the year. Do you agree with this proposal?

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| **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** |
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Comments:

*“Agree in principle to having contingency. How transparent is the reporting of the use of the contingency? Who controls unspent contingencies and who decides what to do with it at the end of the year?”*

**Early Years retained items**

Merton Council intends to retain 5% of the total budget to fund key statutory duties (administration, information, securing training for staff in the sector) support and advice to the sector, focussing on support to weaker settings and settings working with children with additional needs/SEND.

Comments:

*“We feel this is important that this is kept”*

*“How does this compare with prior year? How does this compare with other councils? There is no information on this in the consultation summary”*

*“As the setting, we need Merton council to support and advise us for administration, information securing training for staff as well as funding”*

Schools provider no further comments that they wished the schools forum to consider.

**Schools and providers who offered the opportunity to add any further comments:**

*“Consider pupils that are arriving into nursery with no EHCP and then need support. Consider that some schools receive large support/financial contributions from the parent community and fund raising that others do not”*