

Following consideration of the responses to the consultation exercise, it was decided that for the 2009/10 financial year, the Common Funding Formula would include the following changes: –

- The primary AWPUP weighting is to be increased to 1.05;
- A new Foundation Stage factor is introduced to distribute resources to support primary schools in the delivery of the Foundation Stage of the primary curriculum, using the funding methodology as proposed in the consultation documentation; and
- A new Primary Principals' Release Time factor is introduced to distribute resources to smaller primary schools, using the funding methodology as proposed in the consultation documentation, to help ensure that at least two days per week release from teaching duties is available for the Principals of these schools.