

Early Years Deprivation Consultation

Background

At the previous Early Years Working Group meeting held on 4th March, members were asked how they would like the future mandatory deprivation funding to be distributed to the sector. The current quantum stands at of £1.2m.

Current Deprivation Method

Provider Type	Sum of Indic. Deprivation Funding 2022-23 £
Childminders	25,848
PVI's	529,625
Maint. Nurseries	26,379
Maint. Schools	197,692
Academies	459,384
Grand Total	1,238,928

It was agreed that volunteers be asked to form a small working group tasked with seeking alternative funding models to fairly distribute this mandatory funding stream to the sector.

There were three volunteers from the sector who agreed to be on the deprivation small working group who met virtually twice over the summer term. The group agreed that the aim wasn't to cause sustainability or viability issues for settings but to ensure an equitable model, which was transparent and fair, capturing the most children possible.

Three final models were agreed and consulted upon and hosted on the Citizen Space platform.

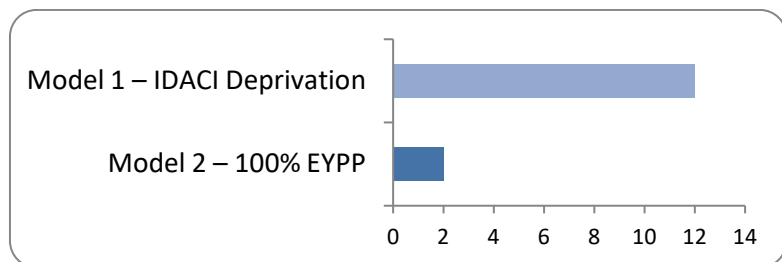
Consultation

The 3 models shared with the sector to distribute the current quantum of £1.2m deprivation funding were based on :-

1. Model 1 - The current IDACI method,
2. Model 2 - Pupils that attract early year pupil premium funding (EYPP)
3. Model 3 - A combination to distribute 80% of the funding based on the IDACI method and 20% based on EYPP.

The consultation went live online via the Citizen Space portal on 6/7/22 and it closed on 31/7/22.

Results of the Consultation



Option	Total	Percent
Model 1 – IDACI Deprivation	12	85.71%
Model 2 – 100% EYPP	2	14.29%
Model 3 – 80% IDACI & 20% EYPP	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

There was a 4% response rate from current 3&4 year old FEL providers to this consultation with a total of 14 replies with 86% choosing the existing IDACI distribution method (model 1) and the remaining 14% choosing the EYPP model of distribution (model 2). There were no votes for model 3.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the current deprivation funding methodology continue to be implemented by SCC as it is considered the fairest distribution method across the sector.

It is proposed that Sheffield's deprivation funding methodology be reviewed every 4 years in line with the publication cycle of the updated IDACI data sets.

The next expected IDACI data set update is in 2023/24 and SCC Officers will update the current IDACI 2019 values used to the most recent EY Census data for deprivation funding in the following financial year.