

Fair Funding Consultation 2026/27 - Summary of Responses

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Appendix provides a summary of responses received to the consultation paper that was issued to all schools and other stakeholders on 7th November 2025. All responses that were received have been analysed and the results are summarised in this paper.
- 1.2 A total of 6 responses were received, with 2 of those received from groups and therefore representing multiple stakeholder views.

Respondent	Responses Received
Primary	4
Secondary	0
Special	0
Early years	0
Stakeholder Consultative Groups (SCG)	2
Trade Unions	0
Total	6

- 1.3 The results and comments are summarised below. The full responses can be made available on request.

2 RESULTS

2.1 Proposal 1 – Fair Funding Formula options

- 2.1.1 This proposal recommends that Coventry continues to use the local funding formula in 2026/27 to mirror the National Funding Formula as closely as possible.
- 2.1.2 We asked stakeholders whether they agreed with this proposal and for general comments.

Sector	Agree	Disagree	Blank or N/A
Primary	3	0	1
Secondary	0	0	0
Special	0	0	0
Early Years	0	0	0
SCG	2	0	0
Trade Unions	0	0	0
Total	5	0	1

Respondents	General Comments
Primary (3)	Agree: We support the recommendation
SCG (2)	Agree: We support the recommendation

2.2 Proposal 2 – De-delegated Services

2.2.1 Funding for some centrally provided services must be allocated direct to schools through the formula but can then be returned to the LA by maintained schools via local de-delegation agreement. This Proposal highlights the de-delegation decision will need to be agreed by Schools Forum.

2.2.2 We asked stakeholders for general comments on this proposal.

Respondents	General Comments
Primary (2)	Agree: Continue to support the de-delegation of services
SCG (2)	Agree: Continue to support the de-delegation of services
Primary (1)	No comments were made due to academy status
Primary (1)	No comments were made

2.3 Proposal 3 – Fair Funding Scheme of Delegation

2.3.1 This section covers the changes that are being made to the Fair Funding Scheme of Delegation to reflect updated national and local policies.

2.3.2 We asked stakeholders for general comments on this proposal.

Respondents	General Comments
Primary (4)	Agree: Agree with the proposed changes, however, obtaining 5 quotes for works over £10,000 will be challenging and time consuming
SCG (2)	Agree: Agree with the proposed changes, however, obtaining 5 quotes for works over £10,000 will be challenging and time consuming

2.4 Fair Funding Consultation General Comments

Respondents	General Comments
Primary (1)	Please bear in mind that schools that are not in deprived areas and do not have many pupil premium children are also struggling due to low budgets not meeting their needs
SCG (2)	<p>Primary Finance commented that School budgets are currently in a very challenging situation. Falling pupil numbers in some schools (particularly across younger age groups) are having an impact and reducing funding. This has a particularly significant impact given all protection mechanisms in the National Funding Formula are based on per pupil funding, not overall funding. Other feedback received was in relation to SEND, and the challenges associated with an increasing number of children with EHCP's in mainstream schools.</p> <p>Schools Forum also commented that School budgets are currently in a very challenging situation. There was also a comment from a maintained representative, saying they continue to welcome the close working relationship they have with the LA.</p>