



NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	17 th September 2020
Title of report:	North Yorkshire County Council Scheme for Financing Schools
Type of report: Delete as required	For decision
Executive summary: Including reason for submission	The report requests approval from the Schools Forum for the amendment of the North Yorkshire County Council Scheme for Financing Schools to be updated for the DfE directed change requiring Schemes for Financing Schools to reflect the extension of the national risk protection arrangement (RPA) to local authority maintained schools from 1 st April 2020.
Budget / Risk implications:	None for schools.
Recommendations:	The Schools Forum is asked to approve amendments to the North Yorkshire County Council Scheme for Financing Schools related to the directed change from the DfE requiring Schemes for Financing Schools to reflect the extension of the national risk protection arrangement (RPA) to local authority maintained schools from 1st April 2020 and to allow for the collective de-delegation of this funding by the agreement of the Schools Forum. The de-delegation of this funding is not being requested, at this stage.
Voting requirements:	School members only
Appendices: To be attached	None
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Financing Schools)****1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Schools Forum to include a directed change on insurance made by the DfE to the Scheme for Financing Schools to take effect from 1 April 2020.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Local authorities are required to publish Schemes for Financing Schools that sets out the financial relationship between them and the schools they maintain.
- 2.2 Any amendments to the Scheme that are proposed by the local authority must be consulted on with all maintained schools within the local authority and be approved by the Schools Forum.
- 2.3 The DfE is able to direct local authorities to amend their schemes to reflect the latest statutory guidance. Schools are not required to be consulted on DfE directed changes.
- 2.4 In April 2020, a change has been issued by the DfE in relation to insurance.

3.0 SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE NYCC SCHEME FOR FINANCING

- 3.1 The DfE published a requirement in respect of insurance, as follows:

Section 10: Insurance

Instead of taking out insurance, a school may join the Secretary of State's risk protection arrangement (RPA) for risks that are covered by the RPA.

The scheme should contain a provision which allows schools to join the RPA after 1 April 2020. Schools may do this individually when any insurance contract of which they are part expires.

The scheme should also provide for all primary and/or secondary maintained schools to join the RPA collectively by agreeing through the schools forum to de-delegate funding.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Schools Forum is asked to approve amendments to the North Yorkshire County Council Scheme for Financing Schools related to the directed change from the DfE requiring Schemes for Financing Schools to reflect the extension of the national risk protection arrangement (RPA) to local authority maintained schools from 1st April

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