

**Proposed Additional Protection Allocation Policy**

**Schools Comments**

**In Favour**

- 1 Looks reasonable however a one year deferment should be considered
- 1 Balances under 5% should also be considered for the schools in receipt of minimum staffing protection
- 1 However caution is required when a school is saving towards funding a specific priority, consideration should be given to reviewing balances over a period of time
- 1 Appreciate that all schools being affected have the opportunity to respond and convey their circumstances individually
- 1 The cash collected by the Authority should go back into the primary schools budget as that is where it came from
- 1 It should be emphasised that that the revision only releases one off savings
- 1 Schools balances regardless of size should not be over 5%

**Against**

- 1 The balances sustain the schools current staffing level – adopting the proposal will reduce the number of staff at the school
- 1 The balances sustain the schools current staffing level, the protection allocation is insufficient to maintain the schools staffing position
- 1 The balances sustain the schools current staffing level, the school does not receive a special educational needs allocation through the formula and adopting the proposal would make it impossible to support pupils with special educational needs
- 1 The school has instigated redundancy procedures, losing the balances in question would put the school in an extremely difficult situation
- 1 Collaboration schemes and releasing staff led to the balances in question which the school has already committed against planned site modifications
- 1 The balances in question have already been committed to fund collaboration schemes
- 2 The balances in question have already been spent and are therefore not available