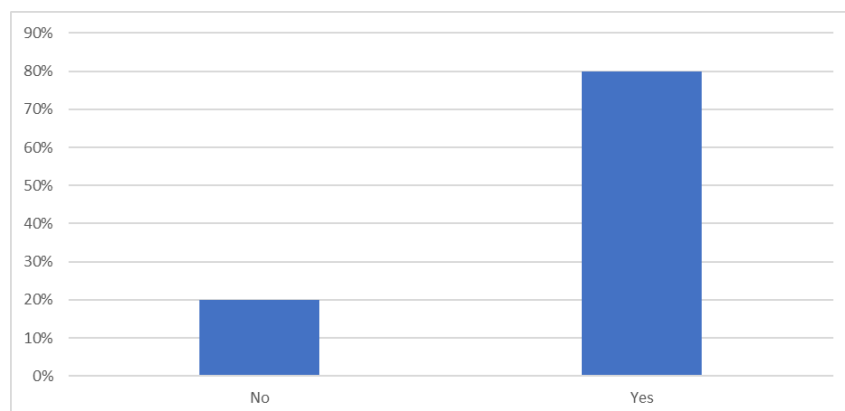


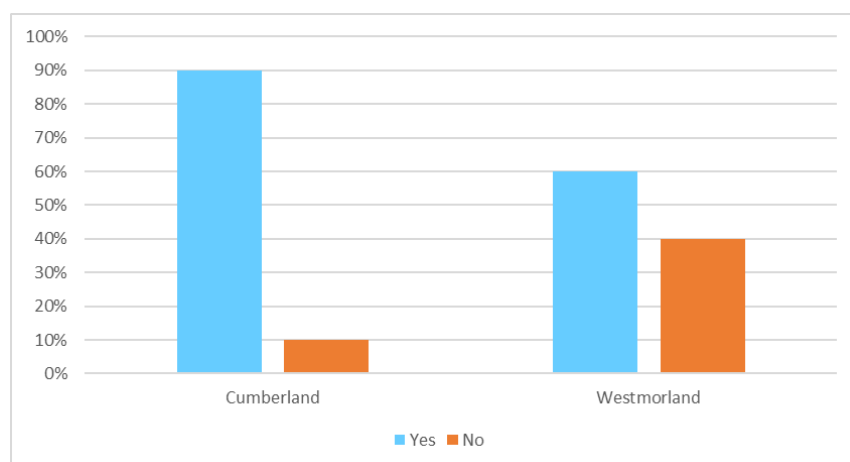
## Appendix 2 - School Funding Formula 2023-24 Consultation Responses

### Q1 Do you agree with your Schools Forum recommendation that the National Funding Formula continues to be used to allocate funding to school in 2023-24?

Answered: 15



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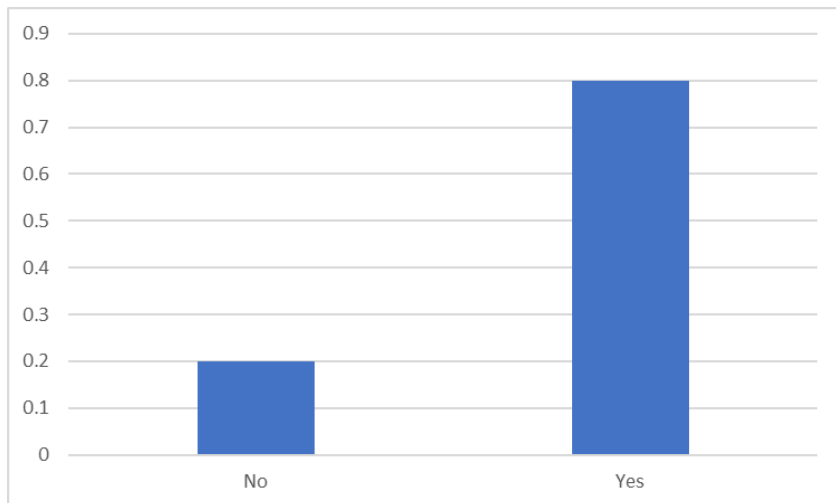
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Comment 1 - The current pressure on school budgets means schools are understaffed and children's needs are not being met. Balancing the books under the current formula feels frankly an impossible task.

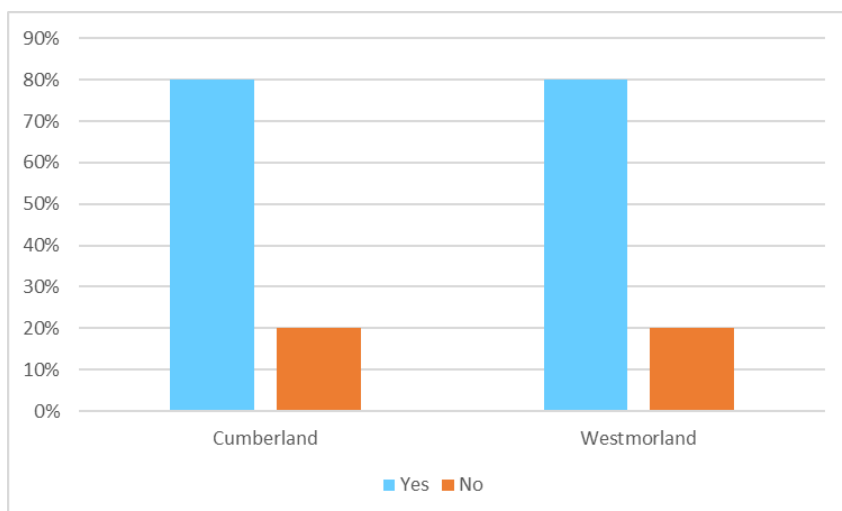
Comment 2 - The National Funding Formula now skews the formula too much - some schools are due £5500 per student and others £6200 per student at secondary school level. The disparity is too great as all schools have to provide a classroom teacher and core functions / services. As a small rural secondary school we receive one of the lowest per pupil amounts DESPITE supposedly benefiting from sparsity funding - which seems make no difference. We are due to receive a 1.17% funding increase next year which if this wasn't our student's education, would be considered a joke. We do not have 'perfectly financial' class sizes, economies of scale or steady intake numbers as we serve a huge rural catchment area. The formula as allocated is simply not sufficient to continue to meet even the basic expenditure. The pay rises above 3% due this year and up to a 3x increase in some utility costs are around 8% of our total budget - nearly a whole month's funding. To suggest a 1.17% increase - I have no words! If this happens, we like many will be submitting a deficit budget there is quite simply nothing left to cut (unless we remove all TA's and close Admin perhaps...). It is not a case of poor financial management (confirmed by SRMA), but a continued lack of funding which cannot continue.

**Q2 Do you agree that, if there is any School Block funding remaining (up to a maximum of 0.5%) after allocating the school funding formula to schools using the NFF, it should be transferred to the High Needs Block?**

Answered: 15



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Comments (2)

Comment 1 - The schools needs all the money at present, everything needs to be allocated to schools

Comment 2 - I clicked 'no' because there wasn't another alternative to 'yes'. With the majority of schools facing deficit budgets, I imagine there is a way to direct it to support these which would be much appreciated and may help to reduce the pressure on heads to find savings which will undoubtedly come from staffing budgets. Having said that, if there is no realistic way to do so fairly, supporting the high needs block is always preferable.