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DRAFT BSF JR Consultation process [REDACTED]

LAs have (to a greater or lesser extent) provided information on the following:

1. Basic Need,
2. Condition & suitability of buildings (sometimes dealt with separately),
3. Costs incurred and contractual liabilities,
4. ICT,
5. Equalities,
6. Revised proposals (including any prioritisation, reduction in funding, alternative approaches),
7. Local context (range of other issues including deprivation, attainment, creation of a 2-tier system, employment generated, closeness to getting new build, vision and school reorganisation plans).

Process

Stage 1: Pre LA meeting

- Review all submissions from local authorities.
- Using data/knowledge held by DfE/PfS compare against information provided by LA.
- Complete comment sheets and list questions for LA.
- In advance of LA meeting combine comments sheets into one document (part of Minister briefing pack).
- DfE/PfS pre-meeting to discuss questions, comment sheets and LA submission.
- Agree questions and share with LA in advance of meeting.
- Prepare options for criteria to be shared with LA in advance of meeting.
- Briefing pack to Ministers.

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Stage 2: Post LA meeting

- Meeting held and allow for LAs to supply extra information in light of DfE/PfS questions
- Confirm criteria to be used following discussion at meeting (inform LA).
- Collate information into a LA wide comment sheet, reflecting discussions at the LA meeting and any additional supporting information and assess and apply criteria.

Stage 3: Minded to

- Submission to ministers on the 'minded to' decision (possible discussion with Ministers).
- Minded to letters out to LAs – allow 2 weeks to respond with any comments (allow for more time if they request).
- Submission to ministers on LA's reaction to 'minded to' decision and advice on the final decision.

Stage 4: Decision

- Confirmation on the decision from Ministers.
- LAs informed of the decisions and WMS/press release.