

Annex A

Ward Funding Model Options A-E

Model	Description	Allocation	Pros	Cons	Meets EACH	Full Council July 2023
Model A	Based on Deprivation This is the same method as the 2025/26 Ward budget allocation but with updated deprivation and population.	£105k base to be split by Councillor on each ward £145k to be split by each ward based on deprivation	This approach will take into account both the size of the ward and its deprivation level	Provides more funding for larger population needs	Yes	Yes
Model B	Based on the IMD deprivation scoring for each ward. York's methodology reduces the IMD 1-10 deciles for wards into four groups A1-4. The most deprived wards sit within A1 and the least deprived within A4.	£105k of the funding divided equally across every Councillor and £145k will be allocated based on the IMD deciles	This approach will take into account both the size of the ward and its deprivation level	Provides more funding for larger population needs, but also grouping on deprivation likely to leads to a flattening of funding for most deprived wards.	Yes	Yes

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Model C	Based on the Household Deprivation figures from the 2021 Census and how many Councillors each ward has.	£105k of the funding divided equally across every Councillor and £145k will be allocated based on the number of most deprived ward households out of all deprived households	As a more direct measure of deprivation, the household deprivation indicators can be used to say that one area has double the proportion of households with multiple needs compared to another.	As this model only looks at 2 or more dimensions, does not take into account areas of very high deprivation	Yes	Yes
Model D	Based on most recent Deprivation and this figure multiplied by ward population and then figure used as % of total.	£105k base to be split by Councillor on each ward £145k to be split by each ward based on deprivation	This approach will take into account both the size of the ward and its deprivation level	This approach puts greater weighting on population, and smooths out where wards have same IMD score but different population	Yes	No

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Model E	Based on most recent Deprivation and this figure multiplied by ward councillors and then figure used as % of total.	£105k base to be split by Councillor on each ward £145k to be split by each ward based on deprivation	This approach will take into account both the size of the ward and its deprivation level	Same as Model G, but more simplistic with only a 1-3 Councillor option	Yes	No