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**FAIR FUNDING REVIEW
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

**Quick recap of the meeting (full
minutes to follow)**

- The technical working group were provided with a progress update on the Fair Funding Review programme including the recent procurement of a children's services research and data collection contract and the forward plan for further technical working group meetings.
- There was a good discussion on relative resources that recognised the merits of an approach based on notional council tax levels and which considered whether it would be appropriate to combine this with some measure of actual council tax levels. The group acknowledged that local council tax support is a key issue and should have a place in the new system along with several other potential adjustments to the tax base.
- The group considered a foundation formula and recognised how far it is possible to get with a simplified approach. However the group also acknowledged that there was a good case for more specific approaches in some high profile service areas containing unique cost drivers.
- Finally, the group received a report from the LGA about their planned work plan to help local authorities engage further with the work of the Review.