

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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| Decision Maker | Executive Councillor | Decision Date: 20 January 2021 |
| Decision Maker Name | Executive Councillor: Adult Care, Health and Children's Services | |

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| Decision Record | |
| Status | Recommendations Approved |
| Decision Reference No: | I021123 |
| Title | Schools Funding Update 2021/22 - Mainstream Schools |
| Report reference | 1.0 |
| Record of Decision | <p>That the Executive Councillor:-</p> <p>(1) approves the application of the National Funding Formula (NFF) in the development of the County Council's mainstream schools funding formula for 2021/22;</p> <p>(2) approves the inclusion of the following in the County Council's mainstream schools funding formula for 2021/22:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key formula factors will increase by 3% in monetary value. • A positive Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of +0.5% per pupil protection. The MFG range is between +0.5% and +2.0% per pupil in 2021/22. • No gains ceiling cap. • The minimum per pupil funding levels will be set at £4,180 for primary schools and £5,415 for secondary schools. • Funding from the teachers' pay grant and teachers' pension employer contribution grant (including supplementary funding) will be incorporated into the NFF for 2021/22 (technical adjustment). • Small and remote schools will see an increase in the sparsity factor value. • To use the 2021/22 National Funding Formula as the |

basis for determining the notional Special Educational Needs (SEN) amount per school when identifying whether a school is entitled to targeted funding.

- The targeted funding criteria will allocate the first £6,000 where a school has been identified as having insufficient notional SEN within its delegated budget due to the number of pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.
- To support the principle of increasing the top up rate for EHC plans – the rate of increase will be subject to affordability of the High Needs block following the determination of all SEN related budgets.
- To apply transitional protection funding for 2021/22 where targeted funding and top up rate changes result in the school funding falling below +0.5% per pupil increase (in accordance with the final MFG value).

Options considered As detailed in the report and addendum.

Reasons for decision As detailed in the report and addendum.

Records of conflicts of interest N/A

Dispensation N/A

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The above Executive Councillor decisions are not subject to call in, in accordance with Call In Procedure Rule 15 (i) (vi), as the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee considered the same report at its meeting on 15/01/2021. The decisions are therefore effective from 20/01/2021.