

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR DECISION – 21 JANUARY 2020

SCHOOLS FUNDING UPDATE 2020/21 – MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS

STATEMENT FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On 17 January 2020, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee considered this report and supported the recommendations to the Executive Councillor.

The following points were confirmed by the Committee's consideration:

- With the removal of the Gains Ceiling Cap and the application of the positive minimum funding guarantee, all schools would see gains in pupil-led funding, but some schools significantly more so. This was due to historical funding and schools starting from different baselines, and gains ceiling caps applied in prior years due to government affordability.
- The revisions to the schools national funding formula in 2020/21 would allow for a greater consistency in funding between academies and maintained schools since all schools would be funded on at least the national funding formula, resulting in a fairer system of school funding.
- Rurality was still an issue that was not factored into the national funding formula, despite the additional costs associated with it. The government had however committed to consider how the national funding formula better supports small rural schools from 2021/22 onwards.