

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title of consultation response:	Review of national funding formula for allocation of high needs funding to local authorities: changes for 2022/23 (Department for Education)
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Scheme of Delegation Section 3, Part 1 – Scheme of Delegation to Officers paragraph 3.8 – Formal Responses to Government papers or other consultations

Summary

The Education and Lifelong Learning service and Finance service are responding to a consultation on changes to the formula which will be used to distribute the high needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant to local authorities in 2022/23. This funding stream provides funding for education services to pupils with high levels of special educational needs and disabilities. The proposals centre on the way in which historic spend levels are used in the funding formula, but also seek views on any new indicators which might be used in the formula in future years to better reflect the level of need in individual local authority areas.

Decision made

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It was AGREED to submit the proposed attached response to the consultation outlined above.

Reasons for Decision:

The responses to the consultation will be submitted to Government so that it can be considered in relation to any future decision on the proposal.

Consultation with Cabinet Member

Delegation can only be actioned by an officer after consulting the relevant portfolio holder. Please provide details below:

Decision taken by:	Rachael Wardell Executive Director of Children, Families and Lifelong Learning/Leigh Whitehouse, Executive Director of Resources
Decision taken on:	22/23 March 2021
Portfolio Holder	Julie Iles Cabinet member for all age learning
Portfolio Holder consulted on	22 March 2021
To be submitted on:	23 March 2021

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None known