

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Approval of amendments to the funding rates in the schools and early years funding formulae as appropriate following receipt of the DSG settlement and DfE pupil data in December 2021
Divisions Affected:	All
Key Decision:	Yes (notice that decision is to be taken has already been published in Cabinet minutes)
Reason Key:	Over £1m
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet minutes 30 November 2021 item 17 point 4

Summary

The decision is to approve final funding rates for the 2022/23 mainstream schools funding formula, to be submitted to the Department for Education for approval by their deadline of 21 January 2022. The funding rates have been changed since those considered by Cabinet in order to ensure that they are affordable using the latest data, which had not been received from DfE at the date of the Cabinet meeting, and that they distribute the whole of the available grant, as required by legislation. The accompanying annex provides further information. Please note: the published funding formula and rates could be amended following review by DfE and hence should not yet be regarded as final.

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It was AGREED that the proposed formula funding rates should be approved for submission to DfE, in line with the DfE's national funding formula (there are small local variations in lump sum and basic entitlement rates, in order to protect small schools, and a 3.87% ceiling on per pupil gains to ensure affordability).

Reasons for Decision:

To comply with legislation. The proposed funding rates are consistent with the recommendations of Cabinet and of the Schools Forum on 7 October 2021 and 14 January 2022 and will assist in the smooth transition to NFF for Surrey schools.

Decision taken by:

Liz Mills
Director for Education and Lifelong Learning

Decision taken on:	21 January 2022
To be implemented on:	21 January 2022

Alternative options considered

Please see papers for Schools Forum 7 October 2021 and 14 January 2022, also annex attached. Alternative options were subject to consultation prior to the Cabinet meeting and at Schools Forum on 14 January 2022

Summary of any financial implications

The cost of the funding formula will be contained within available Dedicated Schools Grant, which can only be used for this purpose.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

The Cabinet member for Education and Learning has been consulted, and supported the decision.

Background Documents

Exempt:

Proposed funding rates (attached)
 Cabinet report and Schools Forum papers (already on website)
 DfE Dedicated Schools Grant tables
[Local authorities: pre-16 schools funding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
[DFE schools funding revenue guide Pre-16 schools funding: local authority guidance for 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)