

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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Amendment to Business Rate Relief Policy

Amending current Business Rate Relief policy to allow for changes to Revaluation Relief, Newspaper Relief and new Retail Rate Relief

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Finance and Efficiency

Decision published: 25/01/2019

Effective from: 05/02/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agreed that the changes be enacted to reflect central Government policy.

Lead officer: Ian Savigar

A reduction in ceremony fees in the Russell Room in the Guildhall, an introduction of a new dual ceremony, and an increase to Approved Premises ceremony

To reduce, the ceremony fees for smaller ceremonies in the Russell Room in the Guildhall, to introduce a new dual ceremony, and to increase Approved Premises ceremony fees.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Transformation and Customer Services

Decision published: 14/01/2019

Effective from: 22/01/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that a new simple ceremony in the Russell Room is introduced Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for up to 6 people at lower fee of £130.00, that a dual combination ceremony is introduced at the stated fees, that the out of hours ceremony fees are re-instated, that there is an increase to approved venues fees for 2019-2020 and that there will be a year on year increase to ceremony fees in line with market forces from 2020-2021.

Lead officer: Jacky Bennett

Schools Funding Formula Changes

In line with DFE guidance amendments are to be made to the funding formula that supports the distribution of resources to schools.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Children and Young People

Decision published: 03/01/2019

Effective from: 11/01/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

A) The minimum per pupil funding level for secondary schools will increase to £4,800 and the minimum per pupil funding level for primary schools will increase to £3,500. The DFE have also introduced a new minimum level of £5,100 for KS4 only schools. This means that those schools that will receive a minimum per pupil funding allocation less than these levels under a fully implemented NFF would have their minimum per pupil funding brought up to these levels in 2019-20. However, as the DFE have capped NFF allocations to the LA, the total funding allocated does not fully support these suggested minimum per pupil funding values. It is therefore anticipated that the minimum per pupil funding values used in our local formula will need to be scaled back to avoid any overspend in the schools block funding allocated to the LA.

B) The DFE will introduce a new funding floor factor to enable local authorities to reflect the NFF calculation of a minimum overall 1% per pupil increase in per pupil funding in 2019-20 compared to the 2017-18 per pupil funding baselines provided by the DFE. This effectively overrides the MFG.

The Minimum per pupil Funding guarantee (MFG) in the local formula for 2019-20 will be over written by the introduction of a funding floor factor above.

Local authorities will however continue to have the flexibility to set a local MFG between minus 1.5% and plus 0.5% per pupil for 2019-20.

The LA are proposing an MFG of a 0% change in pupil funding in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19 in view of the introduction of the new funding floor factor.

C) The DFE have enabled local authorities to mirror the sparsity taper in local formula that has been used in the NFF funding formula calculations. The LA believe this should be followed to maintain the integrity of the Local Formula in line with the NFF

D) Local authorities will no longer be able to set a primary weighting for low prior attainment because all results will have been assessed under the new framework and there is therefore no longer a need to use a weighting. The DFE have also have

reduced the primary low prior attainment NFF factor value to £1,022 to balance the increase in the cohort.

E) The DFE will allow Local authorities to set a cap on gains so that schools gain the greater of either 3% of their 2018 to 2019 baseline, or 20% of their remaining gains. The LA is proposing to remove the cap on gains for 2019-20 to allow the funds available to flow through to schools during the transition to the NFF.

F) The English as an additional language (EAL) factor is allocated for pupils identified in the October census with a first language other than English for up to three years after they enter the statutory school system.

Local authorities can choose to use indicators based on one, two, or three years, and there can be separate unit values for primary and secondary

B&NES has used the indicator based on one year and propose to change this to the indicator based on three years as the DFE have used this indicator in the national funding formula.

Lead officer: Richard Morgan

Commercial Estate Investment, Bath Quays South – forecast budget update funding approval (WL) ref: 1178

The previous FBC was secured under a number of previous decisions.

Approval is now sought to consolidate the previous decisions under one SMD and to update the cost envelope and funding streams.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Finance and Efficiency

Decision published: 24/12/2018

Effective from: 04/01/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to fully approve a further £3.906m of the provisionally approved 2018/19 capital budget for Commercial Estate investment to increase the approved budget for the BQS office development from £16.2m to £20.106m.

Lead officer: Richard Holden

Revised Policy & Charges for Street Naming & Numbering Function

This is a proposed revision to the Street Naming & Numbering policy and charges.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Development and Neighbourhoods

Decision published: 10/12/2018

Effective from: 18/12/2018

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the revised Street Naming & Numbering policy & charges for 2018/19.

Lead officer: Phil Mansfield

Aequus Development Limited Employment Issues

Employment Issues.

Decision Maker: Leader of the Council

Decision published: 10/12/2018

Effective from: 18/12/2018

Decision:

The Leader as sole shareholder agrees to the company (ADL) directly employing staff subject to a further decision on the remuneration terms and conditions of such staff and officers.

Lead officer: Michael Hewitt