

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E3428****Schools Funding Formula 2023-24**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	<b>Cllr Dine Romero, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture</b>
<b>The Issue</b>	The Local Authority is responsible for deciding the structure and values of the schools funding formula, following guidance from the DFE on the regulations applicable the school funding. This decision is relating to the make-up of the formula for 2023-24 and will provide the funding allocations for both maintained and academy mainstream schools.
<b>Decision Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agree to follow the formula set out in the report, adopting the new methodology of the National Funding Formula (NFF) and to utilise the factor values provided by the DFE, providing the resources are available.</li><li>2. Agree that should resources not allow the funding of the formula factors in full that a proportionate reduction of all factors is made to reduce the allocations to fit the resources available</li><li>3. Not introduce a change to the notional SEN allocation</li><li>4. Not introduce a falling rolls factor</li></ol>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>The Local Authority is continuing to mirror the National Funding Formula (NFF) as prescribed by the DFE. This approach has been followed for several years in line with the desires of both maintained schools and academies.</p> <p>The approach will ensure that school funding allocations are as close to the NFF as possible so that when the DFE take control of the formula decisions (DFE plans suggest 2024-25 financial year) the schools allocations from local decision making will not be significantly different thus avoiding turbulence in school budgeting.</p>
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The overall funding allocation of resources for schools is provided by a ring-fenced element of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) known as the Schools Block.

	The methodology of the decision take will ensure that schools allocation are contained within this block allocation.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Customer Focus; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation) Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Cabinet colleagues; Trades Unions; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Full written consultation of schools and academies occurred during Autumn term. Results formally discussed and supported by the Schools Forum.
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>There are many options available to allocate funding to schools and schools forum discussed the strategy of following the NFF on several occasions.</p> <p>As part of that strategy several options for the allocation of the resources to schools were considered prior to the consultation of schools on the proposals in this report. Several alternatives were set out the in the schools consultation paper</p>
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	None
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</b>	Councillor Dine Romero Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture, Bath and North East Somerset Council
<b>Date of Signature</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**