

CABINET – 19 JULY 2016

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

1. From Councillor Howson to Councillor Tilley

“Will the Cabinet Member for CEF please list by school the lump sum amount lost by each affected school due to the removal of the small school grant associated with the provision of Free Infant School Meals for 2016-17. The lump sum grant was paid to schools with below a certain number of pupils in order to help with the cost of providing the meals.”

Answer

“The introduction of universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) was accompanied by some ‘one off’ additional transitional funding to assist small schools (150 or fewer pupils at January 2015) with the start of the new requirement. Each eligible school received £2,300 for the financial year 2015/16. A list of all those schools may be found is attached as an annex.

The total amount paid to the Local Authority and passed to maintained schools totalled £177,100. A further £36,800 was paid directly by the Education Funding Agency to non-maintained eligible schools, 14 of which are Academies, one of which is an independent special school and one a Free School . A list of all those schools is attached as an annex.”

2. From Councillor Webber to Councillor Hudspeth

“I would like to ask the Leader a question on the way the council approaches and elects Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen to Scrutiny Committees at their meeting on 19th July.”

Answer

“At the first meeting of each new year the committees elect their own chairman.”