

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education - Tuesday,  
21 February 2017***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Steve Harrod, Cabinet Member for Education

Officers: Ms Sarah Fogden (Finance) and Deborah Miller (Law & Governance).

**Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2017-18**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2017-18

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.*

**Summary of representations in person**

Ms Fogden reported that significant changes in the Early Years formula had been published in December and that these had been captured in the Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2017, which had come into force on 16 February 2017. The new funding formula applied to the existing 15 hour entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and the extended 30 hour offer that was effective from September 2017.

It was the wish of The Department for Education (DfE) to have a common formula across all providers. The proposed 2017/18 formula of £4.01 an hour was in line with the DfE national formula and reflected comments received from consultees including Schools Forum.

**Cabinet Member's Comments**

I note the concerns around the payment of the SEN Inclusion Fund and that officers will consider further the operation of the fund and will be discussing it further with providers as part of the annual local offer.

**Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the Early Years funding formula for 2017/18. This includes an hourly rate of £4.01, a deprivation supplement of £200k and an SEN inclusion fund of £600k.

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Education

Date .....2017