

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 commencing at 4.15 pm and finishing at 4.23pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor John Howson – in the Chair

Officers: Jack Nicholson – Democratic Services
Jane Billington – Strategic Finance Business Partner

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports are attached to the signed Minutes.

30/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

31/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

32/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS (Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

33/25 FORMAL APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA 2025/26 (Agenda No. 4)

The Chair noted that there was a meeting of the School's Forum on 20 January to discuss this matter. He remarked that it was no longer the case that the national funding formula was sufficient to provide a surplus or even match required funding for Oxfordshire schools.

Jane Billington clarified

- The formula applied equally to both maintained schools and academies.
- This decision applied only to maintained primary and secondary schools.
- Funding would be made available separately for provision of special needs, high needs, and early years.

The Chair said he was seriously concerned that the Council, having adopted the prescribed formula earlier than necessary, found itself in a position by which funding received from the Department for Education was not sufficient to meet the formula.

He added that he did not want a trend to develop by which councils would be expected to fund schools in the future.

The Chair APPROVED the recommendations.

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Date of signing 2025