

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	Fair Funding for Schools
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), Marc Bayliss, David Chambers, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, Richard Morris, David Ross and Emma Stokes.
Date of Decision:	16 January 2025
Purpose:	To consider the Fair Funding for Schools 2025/26 - National and Local Funding Arrangements for Schools.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) noted the Department for Education policy for school and Local Authority funding for 2025-26 detailed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(b) noted the involvement of the Worcestershire Schools Forum members and schools during the engagement process.</p> <p>(c) noted the views of the Worcestershire Schools Forum on the Local Schools Funding Formula issues for 2025-26 and other matters which are outlined in Appendix 2.</p> <p>(d) approved the Local Schools Funding Formula for Worcestershire mainstream schools from April 2025 to apply for 2025-26 and other matters as detailed in paragraphs 34 to 44, to include the DfE Minimum Funding Levels (MFL's) for Primary £4,955; Key Stage 3 £6,221; Key Stage 4 £6,831; Secondary £6,465 having regard to feedback from schools and the views of the Worcestershire Schools Forum in Appendix 2, to be based as far as is practicable and affordable upon the Department for Education (DfE) National Funding Formula (NFF) parameters; and</p> <p>(e) authorised the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education to make the</p>

	required submission to the national executive body, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) by 22 January 2025 for the approved Local Schools Funding Formula for 2025-26 taking account of any impact and change on the approved units of resource, Minimum Funding Guarantee and capping arrangements in paragraph 34 as a consequence of the October 2024 census and other 2024 data changes and the final 2025-26 Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than as set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	23 January 2025

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