



Agenda

Meeting: Executive

Members: Councillors Carl Les (Chairman), Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Janet Sanderson, David Chance, Keane Duncan, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

Date: Tuesday, 9th January 2024

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Meeting Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

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Business

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2023** (Pages 5 - 14)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Public Participation**

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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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**5. Shaping the future of Leisure Services in North Yorkshire: (Pages 15 - 40)
Outcomes of the Strategic Leisure Review**

Recommendations - The Executive are asked to approve:

- i) The new delivery model for the sport and active wellbeing service as set out in section 4 of the report.
- ii) The phased transition over the next 4 years to a single in house management model for the service. As part of this that the Selby services transfer to the in house service from September 2024 when the current contract with IHL ends.
- iii) The undertaking of a Leisure Investment Strategy as set out in the report.

6. Mainstream School & Special School Budgets 2024/25 (Pages 41 - 68)

Recommendations - The Executive is asked to note the contents of this report, and agree that:

- a. The Council applies a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of +0.5% in the calculation of mainstream school budgets for the 2024/25 financial year.
- b. The Council uses age weighted pupil units (AWPU) as the methodology for the allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available within the Schools Block DSG after the calculation of the school funding formula using National Funding Formula (NFF) values for the 2024/25 financial year
- c. The Council uses a higher funding gains cap and higher scaling back percentage for managing the recovery of any funding shortfall on the Schools Block DSG after the calculation of the school funding formula using NFF values for the 2024/25 financial year. In the event of any funding shortfall being too significant to manage through the use of the capping and scaling mechanism, the Corporate Director – Resources and the Corporate Director – Children & Young People’s Service, in consultation with the Chair of the Schools Forum, will determine a school funding methodology that delivers affordability within the 2024/25 Schools Block DSG and associated reserves.
- d. The Council implements the changes, as detailed in section 2.2 of this report, to the notional Special Educational Needs (SEN) budget local funding formula calculation for the 2024/25 financial year to reflect the funding requirements with North Yorkshire and comply with the funding formula validation requirements.
- e. The Council includes an exceptional circumstance lump sum of £50,000 for very small sparse secondary schools (which would otherwise be unable to attract sufficient funding to remain viable) in the 2024/25 North Yorkshire school funding formula. The estimated £50k additional funding requirement to be funded from the DSG Schools Block Reserve.
- f. The Council transfers 0.5% of funding from the Schools Block Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to the High Needs Block.
- g. The Council applies MFG funding protection of 0.5% for special schools for the 2024/25 financial year.
- h. The Council applies an increase of +1.9% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up/ ‘element 3’ allocations) received by mainstream and special schools and academies for the 2024/25 financial year.
- i. The Council applies an increase of +1.9% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up / element 3 allocations) received by pupil referral units and alternative provision settings for the 2024/25 financial year.
- j. The Council applies an increase of +1.9% to the factor elements within the Special school contextual funding for the 2024/25 financial year.

- k. The application of a +1.9% increase to the 2023/24 rate for residential special school placements for the 2024/25 financial year.
- l. The Council will continue to push for a fairer and more equitable funding settlement for schools in North Yorkshire. We will also continue to lobby for a fairer settlement of High Needs resources

7. Forward Plan

(Pages 69 - 84)

8. Any Other Items

Any other items which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

9. Date of Next Meeting - 23 January 2024

Members are reminded that in order to expedite business at the meeting and enable Officers to adapt their presentations to address areas causing difficulty, they are encouraged to contact Officers prior to the meeting with questions on technical issues in reports.

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