

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

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MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS & SPECIAL SCHOOLS BUDGET

Report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People’s Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report asks the Executive to agree a number of recommendations relating to mainstream school and special school funding for 2023/24, as required by guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE).

1.2 The recommendations in respect of mainstream schools relate to:

- Applying a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of 0.5% in the calculation of mainstream school budgets for the 2023/24 financial year.
- To use 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.
- The inclusion of 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 2023/24 North Yorkshire school funding formula. The estimated £50k additional funding requirement to be funded from the DSG Schools Block Reserve.
- The implementation of the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant funding arrangement as per the DfE guidance and grant conditions for the 2023/24 financial year.

These recommendations have been informed by the views of schools during a county-wide consultation and considered and agreed by the North Yorkshire Schools Forum.

1.3 The recommendations in respect of special schools, pupil referral service and alternative provision settings relate to:

- The implementation of the DfE prescribed MFG funding methodology for special schools for the 2023/24 financial year of +3% on the 2021/22 funding level.
- Applying an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up/ ‘element 3’ allocations) received by mainstream and special schools and academies for the 2023/24 financial year;
- Applying an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up / element 3 allocations) received by pupil referral units and alternative provision settings for the 2023/24 financial year;
- Applying an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the factor elements within the Special school contextual funding for the 2023/24 financial year.

- The implementation of the High Needs Additional DSG funding arrangements as per the DfE guidance and grant conditions for the 2023/24 financial year.

1.4 The report also asks the Executive to agree to continue to lobby central government for a fairer and more equitable funding settlement for schools in North Yorkshire.

2.0 NATIONAL FUNDING BACKGROUND

2.1 In July 2022, the DfE provided information in relation to National Funding Formula (NFF) developments for the 2023/24 financial year. The key NFF updates for the next financial year are as follows:

- The core factors in the schools NFF (such as the basic entitlement, and the lump sum that all schools attract) will increase by 2.4%.
- Additional support is directed to disadvantaged pupils, with the FSM6 and IDAC1 factors in the schools NFF increasing by 4.3% compared to their 2022/23 values.
- Rolling the 2022-23 school supplementary grant into the schools NFF ensuring that this additional funding forms an on-going part of schools' core budgets. Appropriate adjustments have been made to NFF factor values to reflect this, adding £97, £137 and £155 to the primary, key stage 3 and key stage 4 per pupil funding factors respectively; £85 and £124 to the primary and secondary FSM6 factors; and £3,680 to the school lump sum.
- The minimum per pupil funding levels will ensure that every primary school receives at least £4,405 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,715 per pupil. The minimum per pupil funding levels are mandatory in 2023/2024. The funding values include £119, £155 and £173 per primary, KS3 and KS4 pupil respectively for the rolling in of the schools supplementary grant, plus a further 0.5% increase. The average amounts in respect of the supplement grant reflect the average level of funding these schools currently attract through the grant.
- Every school will be allocated at least 0.5% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to its 2022-23 baseline (increased to take account of the rolling in of the schools supplementary grant)
- Local authorities are able to continue to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) in local formulae, which in 2023-24 must be between +0% and +0.5% (comparable values for 2022/23 were +0.5% and +2.0%)
- Following the cancellation or incompleteness of assessments in summer 2020 and summer 2021 due to COVID-19, this data is unable to be used as part of setting a low prior attainment factor in local funding formulae. Instead, the 2019 assessment data will be used as a proxy for assessments which would have taken place in 2020 and 2021.
- Local authorities continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with school's forum approval. A disapplication request is required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without school's forum approval.

2.2 In the Autumn 2022 Statement, the Government announced that nationally:

The core schools budget in England will receive an additional £2.3 billion of funding in 2023-24 and £2.3 billion in 2024-25. After adjusting Spending Review 2021 budgets down to account for the removal of the compensation for employer costs of the Health and Social Care Levy, this brings the core schools budget to a total of £58.8 billion in 2024-25, £2 billion greater than published at Spending Review 2021.

This restores 2010 levels of per pupil funding in real terms and provides an average cash increase for every pupil of more than £1,000 by 2024-25, compared to 2021-22

The DfE have subsequently confirmed that, nationally, £400 million of the additional £2 billion will be allocated to High Needs funding. The indicative additional funding allocations for North Yorkshire are £13.94m for mainstream schools and academies and £3.23m for High Needs. Section 4 and 6 of this report provide further details on the additional funding allocation methodology and grant conditions in respect of utilisation.

- 2.3 North Yorkshire County Council is not requesting a transfer of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs budget for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 2.4 The DfE have set the Special School Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) protection for maintained special schools and special academies for 2023/24 by a condition of grant that applies to local authorities' Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). In previous years', whilst the DfE have proposed a Special School MFG level, the final decision has been made locally by individual local authorities, after consultation with special schools and academies. NYCC set a Special School MFG of 0% in 2021/22 and 2% in 2022/23. The DfE have set a 3% MFG for 2023/24 compared to the 2021/22 funding baseline for a special school. Given that the DfE are prescribing the level of the Special School MFG for 2023/24 through the DSG conditions of grant, NYCC considered there not to be a requirement to undertake a consultation with special schools and academies within North Yorkshire on the level of the Special School MFG for 2023/24. Any local deviation from the prescribed value requires Secretary of State approval.
- 2.5 In practical terms and, if required, the Council will adjust the mainstream NFF formula factors values as issued by the DfE in published notional budgets to calculate school budgets within the constraints of the final agreed funding envelope.

3.0 MAINSTREAM SCHOOL FUNDING

- 3.1 A local funding consultation requested the views of mainstream schools and academies on options related to the level of the Minimum Funding Guarantee and the methodology to be used for allocation to school budgets of any surplus funding available within the Schools Block DSG after the calculation of the school funding formula using NFF values. The consultation results are detailed in the table below:

Option	MFG %	No. Responses Received Supporting Option	No. Schools Represented in Responses Supporting Option
Option 1	0%	10	10
Option 2	0.5%	42	58
		52	68
Option	Methodology for the Allocation of Any Surplus Funding		

Option 1	Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) values increased	27	27
Option 2	Lump Sum Formula Factor Value increased	25	41
		52	68

- 3.2 The majority of the responses (and the number of schools represented by the responses) received to the Consultation indicated support for a MFG of 0.5%. In terms of the methodology to be used 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 NFF values, the majority of responses supported AWPU as the preferred methodology for distribution. However, the responses indicating a preference for a lump sum methodology represent a higher number of schools: 41 schools compared to 27 schools preferring the AWPU methodology.
- 3.3 In 2018/19, the decision was made by the North Yorkshire Education Partnership (now Schools Forum) to implement a funding formula that reflects the NFF principles and the associated transitional arrangements. A 0.5% MFG best reflects the DfE 'direction of travel' and reflects the level of funding increase provided by the DfE to the minimum per pupil level funding. In terms of the distribution 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 NFF values, a lump sum methodology would generally benefit smaller schools and an AWPU methodology would generally provide greater funding benefit to larger schools. The setting of the MFG level is the prime decision, with the surplus funding allocation methodology decision representing a secondary consideration.
- 3.4 The North Yorkshire Schools Forum considered the results of the 2023/24 School Funding Consultation at their meeting on the 17th November 2022. The Schools Forum supported:
- A MFG of 0.5% for 2022/23
 - The use of 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 NFF values.
- 3.5 At its September 2022 meeting, the North Yorkshire Schools Forum supported the submission of an application to the ESFA to include an exceptional circumstance of up to £50,000 for very small sparse secondary schools, which would otherwise be unable to attract sufficient funding to remain viable, in the 2023/24 North Yorkshire school funding formula. Local authorities can only make an application for this where schools have:
- pupils in years 10 and 11
 - 350 pupils or fewer
 - a sparsity distance of 5 miles or more

The ESFA have confirmed approval of the application request. Based on the latest available data for October 2022 pupil numbers, one school is eligible to receive this funding, The Wensleydale School. The estimated £50k additional funding requirement will be funded from the DSG Schools Block Reserve.

4.0 MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS ADDITIONAL GRANT 2023-24

- 4.1 In addition to the DSG, in 2023/24 mainstream schools will be allocated additional funding through the mainstream schools' additional grant (MSAG). This is in addition to schools' allocations through the schools national funding formula.
- 4.2 The MSAG will fund the following providers, for the 5 to 16-year old range:
- primary and secondary maintained schools
 - primary and secondary academies and free schools
 - all-through maintained schools
 - all-through academies
 - city technology colleges.
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- 4.3 School-level allocations of the MSAG for the full 2023-24 financial year will be published in May 2023. DfE will provide funding for mainstream schools to local authorities who will be required to pay it to individual schools at the published rates. DfE's intention is that payment of this additional funding in the form of a separate grant will be for 2023/24 only. The funding will be incorporated into core budget allocations for 2024/25. So, for primary and secondary schools, this will mean the funding being rolled into the schools national funding formula for 2024/25.
- 4.4 In recognition of the funding cycle for academies, which follows the academic year, academies will receive an additional allocation of the MSAG to cover April to August 2024. This is in the period in advance of the funding being rolled into academies' core budget allocations through the national funding formula. This will be allocated using the same rates and pupil numbers as the 2023/24 grant and will, therefore, represent five-twelfths of their 2023/24 allocations.
- 4.5 Schools will have the flexibility to prioritise their spending of the MSAG to better support the needs of their pupils and staff and address cost pressures.
- 4.6 The funding rates consist of the following three elements, which are based on factors already in the national funding formula:
- a basic per-pupil rate (with different rates for primary, KS3 and KS4);
 - a lump sum paid to all schools, regardless of pupil numbers;
 - a per-pupil rate for pupils who are recorded as having been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (FSM6) with different rates for primary and secondary pupils.
- 4.7 Base funding rates will be:
- a basic per-pupil rate of £119 for primary pupils, including pupils in reception
 - a basic per-pupil rate of £168 for key stage 3 pupils
 - a basic per-pupil rate of £190 for key stage 4 pupils
 - a lump sum of £4,510
 - an FSM6 per-pupil rate of £104 per eligible primary pupil
 - an FSM6 per-pupil rate of £152 per eligible secondary pupil
- 4.8 Schools that have opened in the past seven years and are still adding year groups in the 2023/24 academic year, and schools that opened between September 2022 and August 2023 (and are not recorded on the October 2022 census) will be funded based on the estimated pupil numbers. These schools' funding allocations will be subject to adjustment to reflect actual pupil numbers in 2023/24. For these 'new and growing' schools the second payment of the MSAG will determine whether a retrospective adjustment is required to bring the initial funding allocations into line with the actual pupil numbers that the schools record in the Autumn 2023 (October) school census.

These schools will receive this second payment of MSAG by February 2024, to allow sufficient time to process the Autumn 2023 census data. If the 'new and growing' school is an academy, the third and final payment of the MSAG (to cover the period April 2024 to August 2024) will also include this adjustment, again based on autumn 2023 (October) pupil numbers.

5.0 SPECIAL SCHOOL FUNDING

- 5.1 A significant financial pressure on the Local Authority relates to SEN within the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). In 2022-23, the in-year financial pressure is projected to be a deficit of £0.5m. This will be in addition to the accumulated deficit of £9.6m from prior years. Over a number of years, there has been an unprecedented increase in the numbers of requests for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) – numbers of EHCPs have increased from 1,728 in January 2015 to c.4,330 in November 2022 (a rise of c.150%). Whilst the DfE has provided some additional funding, most notably in 2022-23, High Needs Block funding remains insufficient to fund current and growing demand and the trend is expected to continue with the rate of increases in demand expected to outstrip any increases in DfE funding. The in-year projected deficit for 2023-24 is currently expected to amount to at least £4.5m.
- 5.2 The local authority has been invited to participate in the Delivering Better Value (DBV) programme being co-ordinated by the DfE. The local authority is actively engaging with the opportunity to work towards developing a sustainable high needs budget, with the benefit of both external expertise (in the form of the DfE delivery partners). North Yorkshire has been assigned to Tranche 3 (the latest tranche to start) of the 55 authorities in the DBV programme. Whilst it is expected that the work with the DfE will commence in earnest in Summer 2023, the local authority is already seeking to utilise the research findings from other local authorities and DfE guidance material in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the high needs system in North Yorkshire.
- 5.3 The DfE have set a 3% MFG for 2023/24 compared to the 2021/22 funding baseline for a special school. NYCC is proposing to implement this increase, given that the DfE are prescribing the level of the Special School MFG for 2023/24 through the DSG conditions of grant. The estimated cost of the application of the 3% MFG for 2023/24 is £269.6k.
- 5.4 In terms of NYCC methodology, the minimum funding guarantee determination is actioned in January (for the following financial year) and is based on the pupil population in place at that particular point in time and compares funding allocations in the baseline funding allocation period and the future allocation period. This approach is adopted to ensure that the MFG calculation is not distorted by fluctuations in the band mix of pupils from one year to the next - in accordance with the DfE High Needs operational guidance.
- 5.5 Within the MFG determination, the comparison looks at place funding and top-up funding. It also incorporates the contextual funding component and previous year's minimum funding guarantee sum.
- 5.6 The table below provides details of the impact of the MFG funding at individual school level:

School	DfE – 2023/24 3% MFG Compared to 2021/22
Brompton Hall	£0
Welburn Hall	£42,969
The Woodlands	£11,441
The Dales	£14,309
Springhead	£7,188
The Forest	£0
Springwater	£14,078
Brooklands	£28,715
Mowbray	£0
Forest Moor	£150,895
TOTAL COST	£269,595

It needs to be noted that the final value of MFG may change significantly by the point that the actual budget determinations are made (due to changes in pupil numbers, commissioned place numbers and/or changes in the assessed needs of the pupils).

- 5.6 The DfE High Needs guidance makes no provision for the application of the MFG for alternative provisions.
- 5.7 A proposed inflationary uplift of 3% will be applied to E3 top-up / Banded funding for the 2023/24 financial year; this will be undertaken using the same mechanism as in previous years. In determining the proposed inflationary uplift, the local authority is very mindful of both the significant inflationary pressures being experienced by schools and the deficit position on the local authority High Needs Block funding. This proposed rate of increase will be applied to Special Schools, mainstream schools and other settings in receipt of High Needs funding. The banded funding allocation reflects costs incurred beyond the Element 2 funding allocation of £6,000. Due to this figure remaining constant for the eighth year in a row, the allocations for each banding will actually increase by greater than 3% with the highest percentage increases applying to the lower banding allocations. The new rates of funding are detailed below; these rates will apply across all settings in receipt of top-up funding.

	Funding Rates 2022-23	Funding Rates 2023-24 (including 3% inflationary increase)
Band 3	£0	£0
Band 4	£1,580	£1,810
Band 5	£3,690	£3,990
Band 6	£5,420	£5,770
Band 7	£8,380	£8,820
Band 8	£10,040	£10,530
Band 9	£14,010	£14,620
Band 10	£20,000*	

- 5.8 It is proposed to increase the factor elements within the Contextual Funding by the assumed inflationary increase of +3%.
- 5.9 The assumed inflationary uplift of +3%, proposed to be applied to the banded funding rates, is also proposed to be applied to the top-up funding allocation of £8,570 for

pupil referral unit (PRU) and alternative provision (AP) settings. This will increase the top-up funding allocation for these settings to £9,010 for the 2022/23 financial year, providing an overall percentage uplift of +5.13%.

- 5.10 One specific area where special school funding arrangements require modification is in relation to residential special school funding. For a number of years, the local authority has funded residential provision on the basis of a unit funding arrangement of paying a standard allocation for each pupil attending the school and in residential provision. The current funding rate is £19,357 per annum for the 2022/23 financial year, and the funding is applicable for the percentage of the financial year that the young person remains on roll. This arrangement is only applicable to the residential provisions attached to Brompton Hall and Welburn Hall special schools. Within the consideration of the future of residential provision, and the specific changes consulted upon and now determined to put into effect for the two schools, the local authority has been very conscious that whilst the number of residential places funded in the future is reducing, the impact in the interim has been to reduce both schools to operating with small cohorts of pupils where the provision cannot be cost effective. As a result, discussions have been previously held with Schools Forum High Needs Sub-Group on implementing an arrangement whereby an additional lump sum payment is made to both schools of £100k per annum (to be paid on an academic year calculation) – to be paid in any academic year where residential provision is operational at the school, and where there are fewer than 20 pupils in residential provision. It is proposed that this mechanism is put into effect for the first time for the 2022-23 academic year – and that it should be applied for future years, provided either school meets the criteria described above.

6.0 HIGH NEEDS ADDITIONAL GRANT 2023/24

- 6.1 Nationally, the High Needs Block of the DSG will benefit from an additional £400 million in 2023/24, through a top up to the DSG allocations. The allocation for North Yorkshire is £3.23m.
- 6.2 In respect of the additional High Needs funding in 2023/24, the DfE require local authorities to pass on a 3.4% funding increase to maintained special and alternative provision (AP) schools, and special and AP academies (including free schools), based on the number of places being funded in 2022/23. This requirement is a condition of grant attached to the additional DSG high needs funding allocated to local authorities. For maintained special schools, special academies and special free schools, the funding calculation is applied to the £10,000 funding per place multiplied by the number of places at each school plus the average top-up funding per pupil that the local authority gave the school in the financial year 2022/23. Local authorities may increase the number of places used for calculating the allocation, or their estimate of the total funding of the school, where they believe it will be significantly higher in 2023/24. For PRUs, AP academies and AP free schools, local authorities use the total grant funding for the school from the latest DfE published data in calculating the additional funding allocations for these establishments.
- 6.3 Initial analysis indicates that the funding requirement in order to provide the additional funding to maintained special schools, special academies, PRUs and AP academies, as required by the 2023/24 DSG grant conditions, is estimated to be £776k. The additional funding for maintained special schools and special academies is in addition to any funding provided through MFG protection in the 2023/24 financial year. The remaining balance of the additional funding will be considered in the context of the continued overall financial pressures on the High Needs budget within North

Yorkshire and the estimated accumulated budget deficit of £10.1m on the High Needs DSG budget as at 31 March 2023.

- 6.4 The local authority welcomes the additional High Needs DSG funding allocation and the associated recognition of the continued significant and ongoing financial pressures on the high needs system both at a local and national level.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 All funding discussed in this paper is part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and DfE school supplementary grant funding. There is no direct impact on the Council's budget as a result of the recommendations in relation to the level of the Minimum Funding Guarantee, the methodology for the allocation of any surplus funding, the provision of an additional exceptional circumstance lump sum to a small, rural secondary school, and the proposed inflationary increases to the Banded Funded allocations and Special school contextual funding. The required funding is provided from the Schools Block DSG, the Schools Block DSG Reserve and the High Needs Block DSG.

7.2 There is an impact on individual schools in terms of how the funding will be allocated. No mainstream school will receive less than the mandatory Minimum Per Pupil Level (MPPL) of funding. A comparison of the impact on schools for each of the proposed options was illustrated at individual mainstream school level as part of the consultation.

7.3 The proposed school funding arrangements will provide the maximum funding guarantee for 2023/24 permitted within the parameters established by the Department for Education. The funding outlook remains challenging for a number of schools - particularly small, rural secondary schools and special schools. The local authority continues to lobby for a fairer funding deal for schools in North Yorkshire, particularly those rural schools who cannot achieve the economies of scale of their more urban counterparts, whilst delivering a broad curriculum. The local authority continues to support, challenge and, where necessary, intervene in schools to ensure the continued delivery of good quality education in financially sustainable schools.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 No specific legal implications are identified as a result of the recommendations contained within this report. The DfE have a deadline of 20 January 2023 for the submission of mainstream school budgets (following political approval).

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) have been completed in respect of the proposals contained within this report. It is anticipated that there will be no impact on any persons with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Climate Change Impact Assessments (CCIA) have been completed in respect of the proposals contained within this report. There are no specific climate change implications identified with the proposals.

11.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

- 11.1 A consultation was undertaken with all mainstream schools and academies in North Yorkshire, following discussions with the North Yorkshire Schools Forum.
- 11.2 This consultation lasted from Wednesday 28th September 2022 until Wednesday 9th November 2022. 52* responses have been received to the Consultation, as shown below.

LA Maintained Primary	39
LA Maintained Secondary	6
Primary Academy	3
Secondary Academy	2
Academy Trust	2
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(68 schools and academies are represented in the responses received providing an overall response rate of 18.84% (20.36% LA maintained schools, 16.43% academies). 293 schools / academies are not represented in the consultation responses.

*Duplicate and anonymous responses have been disregarded from the consultation results.

- 11.3 The DfE have set a 3% MFG for 2023/24 compared to the 2021/22 funding baseline for a special school. Given that the DfE are prescribing the level of the Special School MFG for 2023/24 through the DSG conditions of grant, NYCC consider that there was no requirement to undertake a consultation with special schools and academies within North Yorkshire on the level of the Special School MFG for 2023/24. Any local deviation from the prescribed value requires Secretary of State approval. The proposed funding arrangements have been discussed with the Schools Forum
- 11.4. The proposals regarding the lump sum subsidy element for Special schools supporting small cohorts of residential pupils have been discussed with the High Needs Sub-Group and attracted no adverse views.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The Council's Executive is asked to note the contents of this report, and to agree:
- That the Council applies a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) of +0.5% in the calculation of mainstream school budgets for the 2023/24 financial year.
 - That 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.

- c. That 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 2022/23 North Yorkshire school funding formula. The estimated £50k additional funding requirement to be funded from the DSG Schools Block Reserve.
- d. That the Council implements the DfE prescribed MFG funding methodology for special schools for the 2023/24 financial year of +3% on the 2021/22 funding level.
- e. That the Council applies an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up/ 'element 3' allocations) received by mainstream and special schools and academies for the 2023/24 financial year.
- f. That the Council applies an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the Banded Funding allocations (top up / element 3 allocations) received by pupil referral units and alternative provision settings for the 2023/24 financial year.
- g. That the Council applies an assumed inflationary increase of +3% to the factor elements within the Special school contextual funding for the 2023/24 financial year.
- h. That the Council applies, through the Special School funding formula, a lump sum payment, calculated on an academic year basis, of £100,000 where residential provision is operational at a special school, and where there are fewer than 20 pupils in residential provision.
- i. That the Council implements the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant funding arrangement and the High Needs Additional DSG funding arrangements as per the DfE guidance and grant conditions for the 2023/24 financial year.
- j. That 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.

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Background Documents:

Reports to the North Yorkshire Schools Forum:

- 17th March 2022
- 19th May 2022
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