

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DECISION RECORD**

**Re: 2020/21 Early Years Funding Formula**

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**This form should be used to record:**

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
  - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
  - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
    - **grant a permission or licence;**
    - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
    - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

*(One form per decision)*

**The following decision has been taken: -**

To increase the provider base funded rate for the universal and extended funded entitlement for three and four year olds from £4.01 per hour to £4.09 per hour for the 2020/21 financial year.

To increase the provider funding rate for disadvantaged two year olds from £5.20 to £5.28 per hour for the 2020/21 financial year.

To note the 2020/21 funding rates from the DfE for other early years funding rates which have remained unchanged.

**By whom:** *Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service in consultation with County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education & Skills*

**On: 25 February 2020**

*Was this an executive decision?*

YES

*If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?*

YES

**Reasons for decision: -**

The Early Years National Funding Formula provides a local authority funding rate for three and four olds in North Yorkshire at the funding floor level of £4.30 per hour. This funding rate provides the calculation basis for the 2019/20 three and four year old Early Years DSG allocation. The local authority hourly funding rate covers both the costs of provider funding and any central services related to early years provision which are provided free at the point of delivery.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, the DfE announced an increase in the early years' local authority funding rate for the 2020/21 financial year. The funding rate for three and four year olds in North Yorkshire will increase by 8p per hour from £4.30 per hour to £4.38 per hour. The level of funding for disadvantaged two year olds will also increase by 8p per hour from £5.20 per hour to £5.28 per hour.

The regulations accompanying the Early Years National Funding Formula restrict the level of three and four year old funding which can be retained for the delivery of centrally managed services associated with early years' provision. The level of funding allowed to be retained is 5%

Modelling was undertaken to develop options for the distribution of the 8p per hour funding increase for the 2020/21 financial year and a funding consultation was held with Early Years providers in order to gain views on the options developed. The consultation was held between 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. 70% of respondents preferred this option (Option 1).

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -**

Option 2 – Base rate increases from £4.01 to £4.08. Deprivation rate is increased by 1p for Band A, B and C. Band A will be 55p, Band B will be 8p and Band C will be 5p

**Conflicts of Interest**

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

**Background Papers**

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed

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Stuart Carlton  
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Directorate: Children and Young People's  
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Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and  
Democratic Services).***

***Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive  
decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.***

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