



Electoral division(s) affected:

All

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 13 December 2023 to enable Members to ask related questions by no later than midday 3 working days before the day of the meeting

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Item 1 – 'Think Autism in County Durham' Strategy – Councillor Ted Henderson, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services and Councillor Chris Hood, Cabinet Portfolio for Adult and Health Services

We considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which provided an update on progress following the refresh of 'Think Autism in County Durham': Autism Strategy for Children, Young People and Adults into an updated strategy for 2023-2026.

Decision:

We:

- (a) agreed the findings of the report and the updated strategy, and;
- (b) supported communications and awareness raising as part of National Autism Awareness Week in Spring 2024

Item 2 - Mainstream Primary and Secondary Formula Funding 2024/25 – Councillor Ted Henderson, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services and Councillor Richard Bell, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance

We considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and Corporate Director of Resources which provided an overview of the forecast Dedicated Schools Grant School Block and proposed local formula for allocating funding to individual schools in 2024/25, where the proposal is that the council continues to align the local mainstream primary and secondary formula funding in 2024/25 with the National Funding Formula.

Decision:

We:

- (a) agreed that in 2024/25 the local formula continues to be aligned to the National Funding Formula;
- (b) noted that the formula factors will be finalised upon receipt of the finance settlement, including funding and school data, which will be used to set the local formula according to the approach agreed in (a);
- (c) agreed to the adjustment for basic need growth funding for Framwellgate Primary School in 2024/25 and noted that this is the last year this adjustment will be required; and
- (d) noted that the detailed formula will be included in the MTFP(14) and 2024/25 budget report in February 2024.

Background Papers

Cabinet Agenda and Reports

[Cabinet Agenda and Papers - 13 December 2023](#)

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Leader of the Council
16 January 2024