

Full Council

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Report of:	Denise Murray, Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer
Title:	Bristol Schools Forum Feedback
Ward:	City Wide
Member Presenting Report:	The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor / Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and Performance

Recommendation

In approving the 2021/22 Budget that Members note the feedback from Schools Forum below.

Context

Bristol Schools Forum provided the following feedback to Cabinet and Council, for their consideration in making final decisions on the Schools Budget for 2021/22:

- Bristol's Schools Forum remains concerned that Early Years settings that are required to remain open during lockdown would only be funded for the children actually attending and this was not a financially sustainable position as many parents were choosing not to send their children to nursery during lockdown.
- The lack of secondary school provision would result in an increase in the number of school appeals. This will have an impact on school resources and a detrimental financial impact on individual school budgets.
- Bristol City Council makes representation to the relevant government bodies and lobbying where appropriate to ensure early years settings and schools are able to claim back additional costs resulting from the Covid pandemic and receive sufficient funding to ensure sustainability.

