

Bristol Schools Forum Feedback

In approving the 2023/24 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and Council Budget that Members note the feedback from Bristol Schools Forum meeting of 12 January 2023 below.

Context

Bristol Schools Forum provided the following feedback to Cabinet and Council, for their consideration in making final decisions on the DSG Budget for 2023/24:

- Whilst more funding is welcomed in the new financial year, Council is asked to note the substantial cost pressures in the sector and significant challenges in Early Years and High Needs.
- Continued concern from the Schools Forum regarding falling rolls in primary schools.
- Schools Block - moving towards hard National Funding Formulae (NFF) means further deviation from local priority factors such as AEN and a need to seek a transition factor in implementing this approach.