

**Question: PQ09.01 & PQ09.02**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 9 - Dedicated Schools Grant budget proposals 2023/24**

**Question submitted by: Jen Smith**

**Question 1:** The Equality Impact Assessment for the DSG Budget Proposals for 2023/24 says: 'To note the in year 2022/23 position for the overall Dedicated Schools Grant and to set the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2023/2024 to create a fair and consistent distribution of funding that is closely aligned to need and is essential to supporting opportunity for all children, irrespective of their background, ability and need.'

How does this statement tally with Asher Craig addressing the following to Bristol Schools Forum in the 12 January meeting this year, with this statement suggesting discriminatory behaviour detrimentally impacting on a huge number of Send pupils with complex needs - as well as the future budget for specialists settings - and bearing in mind several hundred new places are in the process of being created:

"You know I have always been of the view I would I'd like to take maybe half of that funding that we are giving to specialist providers and you know transfer that money and put that money into the mainstream School sector."

**Question 2:** Are the Top Up Funding cuts part of Delivering Best Value for Send, going to affect the 2023/24 budget or will the funding be cut in the year after?