

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP – SCHOOLS BUDGET AMENDMENT 2020/21

Date of Budget Council: **Monday 2 March 2020**
Date submitted: **Wednesday 26 February 2020**
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Council approves the proposed Budget but, in so doing, Council recognises the difficult decisions that school governing bodies have been making in recent years.

Council appreciates the steps that the Schools Forum has taken to respond to the new funding formula and its impact.

Council believes that a clear analysis is required so that Members can fully appreciate the pressures on the teaching profession, governing bodies and, above all, the impact on our younger generation.

To this end, Council requests that each governing body provides an overview and summary of the steps they have had to take, albeit from an arbitrarily chosen date of 1 January 2018, so that the reductions in teachers, assistants, learning mentors and educational support staff can be quantified.

It is important that, if at all possible, this view is also collected from academies operating within Wirral to form a complete picture.

Information collected by officers relating to school budget deficits, via the latest monitoring, should also be placed before Members.

Council suggests that this should be brought together in a report for the first appropriate meeting of the new Children, Young People and Education Committee.

The purpose of the report shall be to provide a clear picture of the impact of the new funding formula on the education of young people in Wirral, to provide an authoritative picture to OFSTED and to enable this Council to make representations to local MPs, the LGA and especially the Government.

In the event that the Government's Budget of 11 March makes changes to the emerging picture, that shall be taken into account to ensure a balanced overview.