



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

2018/19 SCHOOL AND HIGH NEEDS FUNDING PROPOSALS.

MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Families concerning a proposed response to the consultation paper issued by the Government on the National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools and the formulaic basis for the distribution of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2018/19. A copy of the report, marked Agenda Item 8, is filed with these minutes.

The Cabinet Lead Member advised the Committee that the F40 Group were not in favour of the proposals outlined in the consultation document even though a number of them would benefit. Leicestershire would see no overall benefit and most schools would be adversely affected. He advised that whilst a robust response would be made to the Government he did not hold out much hope for a significant change to the proposals now outlined.

A number of members expressed concerns at the impact that the proposals would have on Leicestershire Schools who were already amongst the lowest funded in the country and the potential risk to the viability of small schools.

Some members of the Committee expressed their concern at the use of the word 'disproportionate' in recommendation (b) (iii) and suggested this be deleted.

It was moved by Mr Snartt and seconded by Mr O'Shea:-

That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the proposed response to the consultation as set out in the report and the appendices thereto'

The motion was put and carried, five members voting for the motion, no members voting against and with five members abstaining.

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