

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 22ND MARCH 2017**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE CABINET LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES****National Funding Formula for Schools**

Members will no doubt have read the Cabinet report on the implications for the County Council and Leicestershire schools of the proposed National Funding Formula. You can view the report at the following link –

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4859&Ver=4>

I think it is absolutely right that the funding formula is being reviewed but it seems that rather than looking to ensure fairness the Government focus is on maintaining stability.

I believe the starting point should be to ensure that all schools receive a basic level of funding sufficient to ensure that they are properly staffed and can operate sufficiently.

I fully accept that some schools and areas will need additional support given the particular difficulties that they face as a result of various factors including deprivation. However, as I said in my letter sent to the Prime Minister in my capacity as F40 Chairman, it should be as the name suggest – additional!

So what does this mean for Leicestershire schools? Two primary and 25 secondary schools will gain but a total of 151 schools will lose funding. The changes will hit small schools particularly hard and could put many in a financially vulnerable situation.

There is a lot more I could say on the formula and the detail can be found in the Cabinet report.

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