

**Full Council, 30 October 2018**

**Motion: Cllr Anne Clarke**

**School cuts**

Council notes that as a result of ongoing Government cuts and a new funding formula the majority of Barnet schools will have lost funding between 2015-2020 resulting in many seeing increases in classroom sizes, cuts to teaching staff and ongoing recruitment and retention problems.

Council notes that Barnet schools must bear the brunt of unfunded National Insurance increases, and inadequate High Needs Block Funding which is being topped up by the Schools Forum. This year the Forum's whole £500k carry forward will be used for this top-up, leaving nothing to plug any gap next year.

Many Barnet schools have depleted reserves to the point where some are in deficit and have had to ask the Council to assist them in the short term while they balance their books.

Council believes the LB Barnet administration must act now so that our schools and their pupils' education do not suffer from further cuts.

Council resolves:

To resist the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in education.

To support the coalition of trade unions, parents, school governors, residents and councillors campaigning against school cuts.

To call on the Government to fully fund the pay increase for teachers that is recommended by the School Teacher's Review Body.

**Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.**