

Council: Monday, 4 April 2016

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton

Cuts to Schools and the National Funding Formula

Council notes that Barnet's schools are collectively facing a cut of around 8.7 per cent to their funding as a result of the move to a new National Funding Formula.

Council notes that the re-allocation of funds through the National Funding Formula hits London the hardest.

Council therefore supports efforts by London Councils to make the case to government for continued investment in London's schools, taking into account its complexities including deprivation, mobility and other local factors.

In particular, Council supports the broad principles of London Councils' campaign as follows:

- To address any inequalities in the current funding formula, funding should be levelled up, rather than down
- Fairer funding through a National Funding Formula should not result in a reduction in funding for London's children
- Local flexibility over funding is vital to address and respond swiftly to local diverse and emerging issues

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to London Councils setting out LB Barnet's support for their campaign on the National Funding Formula and against these cuts to Barnet's schools.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5 I ask that my motion is voted on at the meeting.