

	<p>Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee</p> <p>18 May 2016</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton from Full Council: Cuts to Schools and the National Funding Formula</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>The report informs the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee of a Motion which was reported to Full Council on 04 April 2016. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 23.5, if a Member’s Motion is not deal with by the end of a Full Council meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and any necessary action.</p>

<p>Recommendation</p>
<p>That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee’s instructions are required in relation to this item.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 On Monday 04 April 2016 Councillor Anne Hutton submitted an Opposition Motion to Full Council as follows:

1.2 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.

1.3 The Full Council Procedure Rules (rule 23.5), as outlined in the council's constitution, states that:

- If the Member's Motion is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate Council Committee or sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

1.4 The motion was not discussed or voted on at the Full Council meeting. Therefore the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is requested to consider the contents of the motion as set out in section 1.2 of this report and give instruction.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is therefore requested to give consideration to the motion and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Any actions arising will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Full Council Procedure Rules (23.5), as outlined in the council's constitution, states that:

If the Member's Motion is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate Council Committee or sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action. (However, if the proposer has specifically asked in his or her notice for the Motion to be voted on at that Council meeting it will be voted on without discussion).

- 5.3.2 Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, of the council's constitution provides the terms of reference of the committee. This section states that the committee has responsibility for overseeing the effective delivery of education in the borough.

- 5.3.3 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Motion to Full Council, 04 April 2016:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s30967/Opposition%20Motion%20-%20Councillor%20Anne%20Hutton.pdf>