

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member children and young people

Title	Schools Budget 2024/25
Decision maker	Cabinet member children and young people Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	13 February 2024
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To approve school forum's recommended budget proposals for school budgets, central school services and early years within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2024/25.
Decision	That: Herefordshire's school funding proposals for 2024/25 be approved as set out in appendix 3.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50046272
Options considered	1. The Schools Forum agreed in October 2017 to the strategy to implement the NFF from 2018/19. However due to national economic pressures the announced DSG funding does not provide sufficient funding to pass through to schools the full National Funding Formula entitlement and a transfer to the high needs block. In addition to the council's preferred option an

	<p>alternative has been considered by the Budget Working Group (BWG) on 12 January 2024, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B: full allocation of NFF with no transfer to high needs block and no gains cap <p>2. Recommendations will be published by the BWG in a supplementary report to the Schools Forum for consideration on 19 January 2024.</p>
<p>Declarations of interest (see below)</p>	
<p>Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)</p>	<p>19 February 2024</p>

<p>Councillor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet member children and young people (Councillor Ivan Powell)</p>	<p>Date 13 February 2024</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.