

**REPORT TO CABINET
15 JANUARY 2019**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

(Meeting of 10 January 2019)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**

National Funding Formula and School Funding

The Director of Education and Skills introduced the report to the Committee highlighting the recommendations in the report. He advised that the date of the Schools Forum in the first recommendation should read 21 November. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was in attendance and advised of the continuing representations being made to Government in relation to the implementation of the National Funding Formula and the impact this will have on schools within Northumberland.

The Committee notes the reduction in the Schools Block Dedicated Schools Grant and the challenges in setting the respective formula values for 2019/20, along with the responses received to the consultation with schools. Work is being undertaken by this Committee to address the high level of school exclusions and subsequent cost to the High Needs Block.

RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**COUNCILLOR G RENNER-THOMPSON
IN THE CHAIR**