

# FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OSC

## REPORT TO CABINET

17 January 2023

### **National Funding Formula & School Funding 2023/2024**

Sue Aviston, Head of School Organisation and Resources introduced the report to the Committee at their meeting on 5 January 2023.

Members welcomed the detailed report and sought assurance that the impact of moving funding from one block to another had no negative impact on schools or children. Officers assured the Committee that these reallocations were done in consultation with schools and allowed strategic support to be given to all schools and academies in Northumberland.

The Committee stressed the importance of rural schools and maintaining their viability. It was explained to members that Northumberland contributes the maximum amount of funding towards the sparsity factor to support rural schools.

Members recalled joining the F40 group several years ago and discussed how the funding allocated via the formula compared nationally. It was suggested and agreed that a report return to Committee giving more detail of how Northumberland compares to other authorities in the Country.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the National Funding Formula & School Funding report.

**WYANE DALEY  
CHAIRMAN**