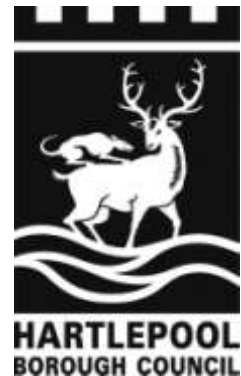


*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE*****

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday 19 March 2019

at 4.00 pm

**at High Tunstall College of Science,
Elwick Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors Harrison, James, Lauderdale, Little, Marshall, Moore, Trueman.

Co-opted Members: Jo Heaton, C of E Diocese and Joanne Wilson, RC Diocese representatives.

School Heads Representatives: Mark Tilling (Secondary), David Turner (Primary), Zoe Westley (Special).

Six Young Peoples Representatives

Observer: Councillor Thomas, Chair of Adult and Community Based Services Committee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on date 19 February 2019 (*previously circulated and published*).

3.2 Notes of the Children's Services Committee Working Group held on 25 February 2019.

4. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS

No items.



*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE*****

5. KEY DECISIONS

- 5.1 2019/20 Schools' Capital Works Programme – *Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services*

6. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Commissioning of Mentoring Services – *Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services*

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 7.1 Outcomes of School Funding Disapplication Requests for 2019/20 – *Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services*
- 7.2 Presentation – Making a Difference in Hartlepool - *Pupils of High Tunstall College of Science*

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

25 February 2019

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm in Committee Room C,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Brenda Harrison (Chair)

Councillors: Marjorie James, Ann Marshall and Shane Moore

Officers: Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning
Services
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Lauderdale and Sue Little.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. EXTENSION OF THE CHILDREN'S 5-19 ACTIVITIES GRANT FOR 12 MONTHS – Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

At the meeting of the Children's Services Committee on 19 February 2019 a proposal to extend the Children's 5-19 Activities Grant for a further period of 12 months and to refer this matter to Finance and Policy Committee for a funding decision was considered. During this meeting, Members requested further detailed funding information from the Consortium who were providing the current Children's 5-19 Activities. Members agreed that a Working Group would be arranged to consider informally the potential options for the provision of this funding, including match funding up to a total of £50k.

Since the meeting of the Committee, information had been provided by the Consortium which outlined the support for juniors and holiday activities.

A discussion ensued on the funding previously allocated to the Consortium by the Council which had enabled the organisations to deliver the activities programme over the previous two years having taken a decision to cease commissioning the service for the 2017/18 financial year. Concern was expressed by Members, that

previous reassurances from the Consortium of securing additional external funding had not been realised. In addition to this, Members were disappointed to note that the Young People's Foundation had not developed as expected.

During the discussions that followed Members highlighted that the child and family poverty funding reserve was created to fund activities for children and young people across the whole town and there were a number of other organisations providing such activities that did so without the benefit of additional funding. Members expressed a desire to maximise the impact of the Child and Family Poverty Reserve by exploring new initiatives or projects that had a wider scope and reached a greater number of children and families.

Recommendations

That the Children's Services Committee do not support the provision of further funding to the Consortium for the provision of Children's 5-19 Activities.

The meeting concluded at 1.55 pm

CHAIR

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

19 March 2019



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

Subject: 2019/20 SCHOOLS' CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

- 1.1 Key Decision - test (i) & (ii) apply
- 1.2 Forward Plan Reference Number: **CJCS081/18**

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the 2019/20 Schools' Capital Works Programme, as detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A** in order to progress the design and detailed costing exercise in time for the majority of projects to be carried out during the summer holiday period. **This item (APPENDIX A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Each year, during January or February, the Department for Education (DfE) announces capital funding allocations, these being School Condition Allocations (SCA) – formerly known as Capital Maintenance – and Devolved Formula Capital (DFC), for the school estate in Hartlepool both for the local authority (LA) and the Voluntary Aided (VA) sector.
- 3.2 At the time of writing this report, capital funding allocations had not been communicated to the LA. However, the DfE have previously stated that SCA allocations for a current year would be indicative of the funding that responsible bodies will receive in future years. DfE further stated that SCA will be revised annually to reflect any schools moving to a different responsible body e.g. converting to academy status, opening or closing. During 2018/19 (financial year), one small community school converted to academy status, therefore it is

expected the 2019/20 SCA allocation will be reduced slightly when compared with 2018/19 and this has been taken into consideration when formulating the programme.

4. FUNDING

- 4.1 School Condition Allocation is a grant to the LA for all maintained community schools and is aimed at addressing condition needs in existing school premises, but does not include academies who receive funding from a Condition Improvement Fund, direct from the Education Funding Agency.
- 4.2 Devolved Formula Capital is a relatively limited capital allocation made directly to schools via the LA to support small scale projects and ICT development. Schools often use this allocation to fund their 10% contributions to larger capital schemes.
- 4.3 This report is seeking approval for the schemes proposed in confidential **APPENDIX A**, and will be funded from the 2019/20 SCA, the 2018/19 unallocated funding and remaining 2018/19 contingency. Schools are also expected to contribute a minimum of 10% towards the condition schemes. **This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)**
- 4.4 Detailed in **Table 1** below is the total funding available for condition works. **Table 2** details the total costs of schemes proposed, the contingency sum and the total funding required. Although Members are asked to approve works and contingency totalling £815,250, which slightly exceeds the available funding, all schemes have a contingency figure built into the costs, therefore officers are confident that the proposed programme is affordable. The programme will be carefully managed to ensure there is no risk of overspending.

Table 1

19/20 SCA Funding*	642,000
18/19 Unallocated	34,542
18/19 Unused Contingency	51,790
10% School contributions	74,525
Total Available	£802,857

*anticipated allocation

Table 2

Condition Schemes	745,250
Contingency	70,000
Total Required	£815,250

5. CONTINGENCY

- 5.1 As in previous years, the overall programme recommended to Committee for approval includes a separate contingency fund which has been allocated from

the SCA. This will continue to ensure that urgent but unforeseen items can be addressed, should the need arise.

- 5.2 Other than in response to an emergency situation, there will be no significant variation to the programme of works as detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A. This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**
- 5.3 Within the 2018/19 programme there was a contingency allocation of £80,000. There was one emergency scheme funded which is also detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A. This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).** The scheme was initially approved by the Director of Child & Adult Services and Chair of Children's Services Committee. The scheme therefore now requires retrospective Member approval.

6. DIOCESE COLLABORATION

- 6.1 Liaison with representatives from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle and the Church of England Diocese of Durham & Newcastle has taken place. A consistent approach to the development of capital schemes has been agreed. In order to aid the creation of the 2019/20 Locally Controlled Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP), technical knowledge in relation to the condition of Hartlepool VA schools has been shared with the two Dioceses for their consideration. Further liaison will take place to determine which schemes should feature in the final schedule of works for the voluntary-aided sector and will be submitted to the Education Funding Agency for final approval.

7. SPECIAL PROVISION CAPITAL FUND (SPCF)

- 7.1 In March 2017, the DfE announced special provision fund allocations to all local authorities. This new funding is to create new school places and improve existing facilities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with an education, health and care (EHC) plan.
- 7.2 In March 2018, Children's Services Committee approved a project to increase capacity for autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). The project also improved provision for social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) at Springwell Special School.

- 7.3 In May 2018, the DfE announced top-up of the Special Provision Capital Fund; a further £116,000 was allocated to the LA. Although this is a relatively small amount, a scheme has been identified to increase capacity at Catcote Academy.
- 7.4 To meet current and future projected need, the local authority (LA) also needs to increase provision for ASD in the secondary sector. The special education needs and disabilities (SEND) Commissioning Team have reviewed the profile of learners who currently require places and who will require places for September 2019.
- 7.5 The proposed provision will create an additional five places for young people with ASD at Catcote Academy. The new demountable provision will mean the children will remain in Hartlepool therefore reducing the need to place in high cost, independent, out of area provision.
- 7.6 In December 2018, a further top-up of the SPCF was announced by the DfE. Once the outcome of the bids for special and alternative provision free schools (see section 8 below) is known, further consideration will be given as to how best to utilise this additional top-up SPCF. This will be reported to this Committee in a future report.
- 7.7 Members are therefore asked to approve the use of the Special Provision Capital Fund to provide additional capacity at Catcote Academy, as detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A. This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

8. SPECIAL AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (AP) FREE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

- 8.1 In July 2018, the DfE issued guidance and criteria to local authorities seeking to establish new special or alternative provision free schools. The guidance stated that around 30 new special and AP free schools would be approved and given the limited number of new schools created, only the very strongest bids would be approved.
- 8.2 The LA subsequently submitted a single free school bid for social and emotional mental health, autism spectrum disorder and speech, language and communication needs. The local authority also committed to supporting a Tees Valley Partnership bid for a school to support children and young people across all Tees Valley local authorities with social and emotional mental health needs, with speech and language needs and those with autism.
- 8.3 The key dates are detailed below:

24 July 2018	Special and AP free schools wave is launched – the guidance and criteria for local authorities seeking to establish new special or alternative provision free schools is published.
15 October 2018	Deadline for submitting bid by email
Early 2019	Announcement of successful LA bids. Competitions in successful areas subsequently open.
TBC	Sponsor Engagement Event
Spring 2019	Deadline for proposers to submit applications in successful areas.
Spring 2019	LA and DfE to evaluate submitted applications and interview trusts
Summer 2019	Approved applications announced.

- 8.4 In December 2018, the DfE announced an increase in SEN capital funding. They also removed the cap on the number of special and alternative provision free schools and anticipate being able to approve all those LA bids that fully meet the criteria.
- 8.5 The LA is expected to be informed of the outcome in 'early' 2019. If successful, the sponsor selection process will then take place.

9. PRIORITY SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAMME (PSBP) PHASE 2 - UPDATE

- 9.1 In 2016, Education, Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) confirmed that High Tunstall College of Science and English Martyrs School & Sixth Form College would form part of the Phase 2 programme for PSBP.
- 9.2 In November 2016, initial scoping meetings took place with the ESFA, who confirmed that the main teaching blocks and administration areas are included in the scope of works for High Tunstall. However, one of the blocks – 'D' block (previously known as Thornhill) is not included in the scope of works. The art/music blocks and demountables at English Martyrs are also not included.
- 9.3 In early 2018, planning approvals were obtained for both new builds. The appointed contractor, BAM Construction, have now started the building work at both schools and monthly progress meetings with the contractor and DfE are taking place. Decant preparation meetings started in February for English Martyrs and later in the year for High Tunstall. English Martyrs School & Sixth Form College is expected to be complete and open for student occupation on 9 September 2019. High Tunstall College of Science is expected to be complete and open for student occupation on 7 November 2019. The demolition of the current school buildings will then begin.

10. HART PRIMARY SCHOOL WALL COLLAPSE - UPDATE

- 10.1 In March 2018, the western elevation wall at Hart Primary School partially collapsed after a spell of bad weather. In July 2018, Members subsequently approved funding to rebuild the western boundary (stone wall) and to also provide railings offset from western, northern and eastern boundaries.
- 10.2 To enable the railings to be erected, a Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) application was made. However, following meetings with and recommendations from a Historic England representative, the application was withdrawn pending various surveys. The costs of these surveys are estimated at this present time and are detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A. This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**
- 10.3 Members are therefore asked to allow the Director of Children's & Joint Commissioning Services, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, dispensation and discretion to authorise additional funding from within existing resources to address the investigative works in respect of the SMC application to erect fencing at Hart Primary School. The exact costs will be reported through the usual update reports to this Committee.

11. PROCUREMENT

- 11.1 All works of a non-specialist nature will be offered to the in-house Construction Team. If they decline, then the works will be externally procured in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 11.2 All in-house work that utilises subcontractors and suppliers or work of a specialist nature will be procured in accordance with the Council's procurement rules.

12. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The report is concerned with the condition, protection and development of Council assets i.e. school buildings.
- 12.2 The proposed programme of school condition works has been compiled on the basis of those areas/sections of school buildings which are showing clear signs of failure; those aspects of buildings which have the potential to improve teaching and learning; and those aspects which will prevent possible loss of school days due to emergency school closures.

13. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 If the schemes detailed in the attached confidential **APPENDIX A** are approved, funding can be met from the 2019/20 Schools Capital Allocation, current unallocated capital funding, together with school contributions. **This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

14. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 14.1 The scheme proposed ensures the local authority continues to meet its statutory duties in relation to minimum standards for school buildings.

15. CONSULTATION

- 15.1 At its meeting of the 31 January 2019, members of the Schools Capital Sub Group considered the condition priorities detailed in **APPENDIX A**. **This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

16. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 16.1 There are no child and family poverty considerations.

17. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 17.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations.

18. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 18.1 There are no staff considerations.

19. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 19.1 Members are recommended to:

- a) Approve the schedule of 2019/20 capital works programme as summarised in **APPENDIX A**, subject to the LA agreeing contributions from schools

towards individual schemes in line with the shared funding principles established by the Schools Forum.

This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- b) Retrospectively approve the scheme that has been funded from 2018/19 contingency which is also detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A**.

This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- c) Allow the Director of Children's & Joint Commissioning Services, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, dispensation and discretion to authorise works where an emergency (eg risk of school closure) or a significant health and safety risk is exposed.
- d) Approve the use of the Special Provision Capital Fund to provide additional capacity at Catcote Academy, as detailed in confidential **APPENDIX A**.

This item (Appendix A) contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- e) Note the update in respect of the application made to the DfE in respect of a new Special and Alternative Provision Free School in Hartlepool.
- f) Note the update in respect of Priority Schools Build Programme – Phase 2.
- g) Allow the Director of Children's & Joint Commissioning Services, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, dispensation and discretion to authorise additional funding from within existing resources to address the investigative works in respect of the Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) application to erect fencing at Hart Primary School.

20. BACKGROUND PAPERS

20.1 There are no background papers.

21. CONTACT OFFICER

21.1 Mark Patton
Assistant Director: Education
Level 4, Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool, TS24 8AY
Telephone: 01429 523736
e-mail: mark.patton@hartlepool.gov.uk

Sign Off:-

Director of Finance and Policy
Chief Solicitor

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th March 2019



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

Subject: COMMISSIONING OF MENTORING SERVICES

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non key.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to ask members to approve a procurement process through tender submissions for mentoring services for children and young people to support our Signs of Safety approach.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Children and young people state that they struggle when they do not have positive role models in their lives. The mentoring service that has been delivered for the last 6 years offers the children and young people an opportunity to have a trusted adult in their lives. The mentors are volunteers and offer their time to spend with children and young people to improve self-confidence, offer them new opportunities e.g through accessing activities or just to listen.
- 3.2 The Children's Strategic Partnership has recently agreed to focus on improving the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people as a priority for the forthcoming years. A mentoring service will support this priority.
- 3.3 Signs of Safety is an approach that focuses on safety planning with families where children are considered to be at a risk of harm. The aim is that a safety network is established around the child/ family to ensure that the child/ children can be protected from harm. The development of the safety network is critical to this approach.

- 3.4 Changing Futures North East currently deliver a mentoring service. The contract for these comes to an end June 2019. There is no further provision to extend the existing contract therefore there is a need to undertake a procurement process for future services.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 It is proposed to commission a mentoring service for children, young people and families that supports our Signs of Safety approach. This would mean that the successful provider would work with social work teams to provide a volunteer mentor to be part of the safety network. This will be a new approach to the current mentoring service and there will need to be regular review of this approach to understand if it is supporting the principles of Signs of Safety.
- 4.2 It is proposed to commission the service for one year from June 2019 to June 2020. A review will be held at the end of 2019 to evaluate impact and future service decisions.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Information has been gathered from families using the service and also the workers that refer families to the service. This information has been used to review the current service and inform the service specification for the new service.

6. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The effective implementation of Signs of Safety is dependent on the development of safety networks around the children and family. There is a risk that if we cannot develop these networks that we will struggle to implement the approach that we believe can support children to have better long terms outcomes.

7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The service will be re-tendering in line with the current allocated budget which is £60,000 therefore there are no financial implications.

8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no legal considerations within this report.

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The provider will be expected to support children or young person that are at risk of harm.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 The mentoring service will be a service that workers refer to. This will ensure that the right families are supported at the right time.

11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no staff considerations for Hartlepool Borough Council employees.

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no asset management considerations within this report.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 For members to approve the procurement of mentoring services to support our Signs of Safety approach.

14. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 14.1 The current contract comes to an end in June 2019 and a decision needs to be made to prevent a gap in services.

15. CONTACT OFFICER

Danielle Swainston,
Assistant Director,
Joint Commissioning
Level 4, Civic Centre
01429 523732;
danielle.swainston@hartlepool.gov.uk

Sign Off:-

Director of Finance and Policy

Chief Solicitor

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

19 March 2019



Report of: Director of Children's & Joint Commissioning Services

Subject: OUTCOMES OF SCHOOL FUNDING
DISAPPLICATION REQUESTS FOR FY 2019/20

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 This report is for information.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee members of the outcomes of the local authority's recent applications to the Secretary of State for Education in respect of elements of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial year (FY) 2019/20.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 In November 2018, Hartlepool's Children's Services Committee took the decision to submit a Disapplication request to the Secretary of State for Education. This request was made in order to enable the local authority to discharge some of its statutory duties in relation to various Acts of Parliament, and subsequent statutory guidance. The request was to set the Education Services General Duties rate at £60 per pupil/place for 2019/20 financial year. Details may be found in the relevant Committee report.

3.2 Also in November 2018, Hartlepool's Children's Services Committee took the decision to submit a separate Disapplication request to the Secretary of State for Education to permit a transfer of funds from the Schools Block of the DSG to the High Needs Block (HNB) of the DSG. This funding transfer is to meet the anticipated overspend of the HNB in 2019/20. Details may be found in the relevant Committee report.

4. OUTCOMES

- 4.1 On 18 February 2019, the ESFA contacted the Council to confirm that the Secretary of State had approved the requested transfer of £0.621m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block for the financial year 2019/20.
- 4.2 On 20 February 2019, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) contacted the Council to confirm that the Secretary of State had approved the disapplication request to set the Education Services General Duties rate at £60 per pupil/place for 2019/20 financial year. This is the third successive year that this particular request has been approved.
- 4.3 Both of these outcomes have been shared formally with schools to enable school budgets to be set for 2019/20. This information was shared at the Schools Forum meeting of 15 March 2019.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Approval of the two disapplication requests avoids a projected deficit of £0.621m against High Needs Block spending and a General Fund pressure of approximately £0.430m in 2019/20.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications in this information report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No consultation was required for the production of this report.

8. CHILD AND POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no child and poverty considerations in the contents of this report.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There no equality and diversity considerations in the contents of this report.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 There are no staff considerations in the content of this report.

11. BACKGROUND REPORTS

11.1 Relevant Children's Services Committee reports are:

- a) Education Services – General Duties Rates for Maintained Schools Update, 13 November 2019
- b) High Needs Block Disapplication 2019/20, 29 November 2019.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Members are recommended to

- a) note the contents of this report
- b) note that schools were informed formally of these outcomes at the Schools' Forum meeting on Friday 15 March 2019 for the purposes of school budget setting for 2019/20 financial year.

12. CONTACT OFFICER

Mark Patton
Assistant Director: Education
Level 4, Civic Centre
Victoria Road
Hartlepool, TS24 8AY
Telephone: 01429 523736
E-mail: mark.patton@hartlepool.gov.uk