

# **MINUTES OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Wednesday, 21st January, 2026, 9.30 - 10.00 am**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Zena Brabazon**

## **ALSO ATTENDING:**

**Chris Liasi – Principle Committee Coordinator, Muhammed Ali - Principal Accountant,  
Neil Sinclair – Head of Finance (People).**

### **16. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member referred to the filming at meetings notice and this information was noted.

### **17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

### **18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **19. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

### **20. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS**

There were none.

### **21. SCHOOLS BLOCK FUNDING MODEL STRATEGY FOR 2026-27**

The report sought Cabinet Member approval for proposed changes to the Council's local schools funding formula for the 2026–27 financial year, ensuring alignment with the Department for Education (DFE).

#### **That the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools & Families RESOLVED:**

3.1. The Schools' forum is scheduled to convene on 15th January 2026, to approve the funding formula for the 2026-27 financial year for schools in Haringey, taking into account the following parameters:

a) To adopt NFF Model as outlined in the consultation with schools to set Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0% for all schools;

b) Noted the transfer of 0.50% from the Schools Block allocation to the High Needs Block as agreed by the Schools' forum under the safety valve agreement with the DfE in December 2025;

c) Agreed the Growth/Falling rolls fund be set at £666,629;

d) Agreed the de-delegation of £210,042 for Trade Union Representation (for maintained schools only).

e) Agreed the Block transfer of £122,000 from the Schools Block to the Central Block for Education Welfare Services, dependent on any necessary consent from the DfE;

3.2. The schools' forum agreed to consult with school on the funding parameters outlined in the recommendations "a" to "e".

3.3. The Cabinet Member is asked to agree the local schools funding formula for the 2026-27 financial year.

**Reasons for decision**

4.1 The Council is legally required to set the local schools funding formula and must submit this to the ESFA by 22nd January 2026. These changes require approval by the Council to complete the Authority Proforma Tool, as required by the ESFA. Such approval can be given on behalf of the Council by the Lead Member of Children, Schools and Families.

Cabinet Member:

Signed by Cabinet Member .....

Date .....