

Higher Needs Block Funding

A request was made by the Schools Forum to apply to the Department for Education to request the ability to vire funding from the Central Schools Funding Block to the Higher Needs Funding Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant, to help support children with special educational needs, alternative provision, special schools and excluded pupils.

The Council is due to receive a decision on this request in February and the Chief Finance Officer as holder of the funds on behalf of the Schools will need to take a formal decision to vire the money between the two funding blocks.

Wards affected:	All Wards
Consultees:	Torbay Schools, Schools Forum and members of the public.
Means of Consultation:	Meetings and circulation of papers and public consultation via the Council's website.
Documents to be considered:	There are currently no documents published. All documents will normally be published at least five clear working days before the meeting. Where documents are not available five clear working days before the meeting, the documents will be published at the same time as they are made available to the decision maker.
Responsible Executive Lead and Officer:	Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (The Elected Mayor, Gordon Oliver), Executive Lead for Children and Housing (Councillor Cindy Stocks) Chief Finance Officer (Martin Phillips)
Link to targeted actions:	Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life
Reason for inclusion in the Forward Plan:	High level of public interest
Decision Maker:	Chief Finance Officer
Intended Decision Date:	February 2019
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