



COUNCIL MEETING

16 March 2017

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor McHugh will move the following motion:

This Council notes with grave concern the recent Budget statement which confirms that the Government intends to continue with their proposed cuts to Gateshead Schools budgets, despite providing funding for new Grammar Schools which are an unwanted irrelevance for Gateshead. Education Trade Unions estimate that this could mean a cut of £6,990,424 to Gateshead schools by 2019 – an average cut of £301 per pupil or the equivalent loss of 187 teachers.

Council applauds the decision of Gateshead Head Teachers to write to parents informing them of the impact of budget cuts in their schools, and resolves to ensure that the wider community is also informed regarding this.

Council further resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on him to:

- Ensure that the national funding formula includes an increase in funding for schools in poorly funded areas of England without cutting funding for other schools:
- Fund schools for the higher national insurance and employers pension contributions which are costing almost £1bn a year
- Protect funding per pupil in real-terms for the remainder of this Parliament.
- Take action to ensure fair funding for SEN/high needs and early years pupils and restore post-16 funding to previous levels.

Proposed by: Councillor C McHugh

Seconded by: Councillor M Gannon

Supported by: Councillor M Brain
Councillor G Haley