

Item no 5.21

QUESTION NO 21

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Convener of the Education, Children
and Families Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 23 November 2017**

In 2017 Cabinet Secretary for Education announced Pupil Equity Funding allocation. The funding (£1200 per qualifying pupil) is to be spent at the discretion of Headteachers working in partnership with each other and their local authority.

Scottish Government guidance indicates (among other things):

- Headteachers must have access to the full amount of the allocated Pupil Equity Funding
- Headteachers can work at an individual school and local community level or collegiately in wider school clusters and beyond at local authority level to address common interests
- The Headteacher will be accountable to their local authority for the use of Pupil Equity Funding within their school
- To ensure transparency, schools will be expected to incorporate details of their Pupil Equity Funding plans into existing reporting processes to their Parent Council and Forum. These reports should be publicly available so that parents can understand what is happening at their school.

Question (1) Have there been any cases where the decision of the headteacher, or group of headteachers, to allocate the Pupil Equity Fund has been overruled or in any way diluted by the Director of Children and Families or his staff?

Answer

Question If so, please list the cases and schools.

Answer

Question If so please clarify what justification has been used.

Answer