

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Motion 6 in the name of Councillor Barnham to be seconded by Councillor Kalu	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: November 28 2018

### *School Cuts & Funding for CYP Motion*

“Following austerity-based ideological budget cuts made by central Government, Lewisham Council notes:

- Recent analysis published by the Local Government Association revealing that local councils in England face a funding gap of almost £8 billion by 2025. £3 billion of this black hole is on investment on spending on children’s services. It is noted that plugging this gap would just keep services standing still and does not include any funding needed to improve services or reverse cuts made to date.
- Statistics released by the Department for Education which show that compared with 2016, England’s schools have 137,000 more pupils but: 5,400 fewer teachers; 2,800 fewer teaching assistants; 1,400 fewer support staff; and 1,200 fewer auxiliary staff.
- Lewisham schools’ funding has reduced by 4.8% per pupil between 2015/16 and 2018/19 at a time when costs for schools have risen, with increases in national insurance costs and general inflation.
- In real terms our schools have become £22.6m worse off in real terms during this time, which means less money to spend on teachers, support staff and all the other costs of running schools.
- A failure to fund the new teachers’ pay award would leave our schools even worse off to the tune of £2.9m.

Lewisham Council opposes these central government cuts which threaten the continued provision of high quality education in our borough.

Lewisham Council resolves:

- To resist the Government’s ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in education.
- To call on the Government to fully fund the pay increase for teachers that is recommended by the School Teachers’ Review Body.

- To support the campaign led by the School Cuts alliance of education unions against the cuts to education funding.
- To call a meeting of school governors, trade unions and parents to discuss the Council's position on these matters and coordinate a response.
- To lobby the Secretary of State for Education and the Chancellor for the resources needed to give all children and young people in Lewisham the best start in life.