Notification of Call-in

Decision title and reference number

KD09/FP/748/01/12:

To approve the recommendations made by Schools' Forum to be made to the Essex Formula for Funding Schools

Cabinet Member responsible	Date decision published
Councillor Stephen Castle	12 April 2012
Last day of call in period 17 April 2012	Last day of 10-day period to resolve the call-in

- The review carried out by the Schools' Forum is premature, as a new National Formula will be introduced in 2013 / 4. This new formula is inconsistent with the approach taken by the Schools' Forum.
- Neither small schools, as now redefined, nor the Specific Grants Review Group, were represented on the Schools' Forum.
- The decision was issued after schools had prepared their budgets.
- The decision adversely affects small schools.
- Schools with children with severe and complex needs will find the lack of funding will affect the hours provided.
- Provision in schools for SEN and AEN will be severely disrupted.
- By removing the link between SEN statements and the first 12.5 hours of funding the Local Authority could be vulnerable to challenge.

Signed:	Dated: 12 April 2012
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For completion by the Governance Officer	
Date call in Notice Received	Date of informal meeting
Date of Audit and General Scrutiny Committee Meeting (if applicable)	Date call in withdrawn / resolved