

	Section 251 Outturn for Schools	Pupils	Per pupil funding	Adjusted to 18-19 RPI
2009/10	£ 460,027,059	92,789	£ 4,957.78	£ 6,556.45
2017/18	£ 303,764,751	53,218	£ 5,707.93	£ 5,899.88
Real Terms Growth				-10.01%

RPI	Apr-09	211.5
	Apr-17	270.6
	Apr-18	279.7



**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, 10 April 2019**

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GREENSLADE**  
**Re: Flood Alleviation – Pilton Park**

Can the Cabinet Member update me on progress or otherwise with flood alleviation measures for Barnstaple in particular for the Pilton Park area?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR CROAD**

Potential flood alleviation measures for the Pilton Park area are being led by the Environment Agency (EA), as the primary source of flood risk is the tidal influence on the main river. An advanced notification has been made by the EA to place Barnstaple onto the pipeline of future projects following Defra's current 6-year programme, beyond 2020/21. The format of any subsequent programme is yet to be confirmed by Defra and, while resources are focussing on the priorities within the current programme, no further progress has been made.

The current standard of protection is already up to the 1 in 100 year probability of occurrence. However, to enable further development of zoned employment land, this needs to be enhanced to include for climate change increases. Early estimates have indicated at least £10m of local investment would be required to support any national funding opportunities. North Devon Council, as the Local Planning Authority, needs to develop a strategy for collecting partnership contributions from potential developers that will benefit from the flood improvements and, thereby, help 'unlock' the developable area.

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR GREENSLADE**  
**Re: School Spending Per Pupil in England**

According to recent press reports by the Institute for Fiscal Studies total school spending per pupil in England has fallen by 8 per cent in real terms between 2009/10 to 2017/18.

Can the Cabinet Member provide me with the equivalent figure for Devon School Children for the same period?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES**

It is unclear what assumptions have been applied in calculating the 8% reduction referred to from the information available. The reduction for Devon between 2009/10 and 2017/18, applying RPI to published Section 251 Schools out-turn spend, sees a real terms reduction of 10.01%. See table overleaf.

