

## 9c 2019/20 De-delegation

The local authority is required to consult the primary and secondary LA maintained school representatives on the Schools Forum every year about de-delegation of a number of central budgets. De-delegated funds are a deduction from a school's budget share and are held centrally to fund relevant services. De-delegation can only apply to maintained primary and secondary school budgets. Academies, free schools, special schools and nurseries cannot de-delegate, but can choose to buy into traded services funded through de-delegation to maintained primaries and secondaries.

Decisions on de-delegation have to be taken at the Schools Forum. Decisions have to be taken separately in respect of maintained primary and maintained secondary schools and in each case the decision requires the agreement of a majority of the maintained representatives for the relevant phase on the Schools Forum.

For all these budgets, the total amount de-delegated depends on the number of LA maintained schools in Barnet, and how many pupils they have on roll. The budget available will fall if more schools convert to academies, but rise if maintained schools expand, or independent schools join the maintained sector.

For the 2019/20 financial year, the council is requesting the following de-delegation items:

### Existing de-delegated budgets

The existing de-delegation items in Barnet are:

1. Behaviour support services (currently de-delegated by primaries but not secondaries)
2. Support to UPEG and bilingual learners ("Narrowing the Gap")
3. Staff costs – supply cover for (trade union) facility time
4. School Contingency

1. The **Behaviour Support** budget funds the high incidence support team's (HIST) work with maintained primary schools and the de-delegation rate is proposed to remain unchanged at **£3.01 per pupil**

2. Work on **narrowing the gap** with maintained schools is funded by the de-delegation from those schools. The de-delegation rates are proposed to remain unchanged at **£9.55 (Primary) and £16.34 (Secondary) per pupil**.

3. Staff costs for **trade union duties** funds the salaries of officials of the various unions representing staff in maintained schools. The budget is supplemented by income from a traded service that enables academies to contribute to these costs. The de-delegation rates are proposed to remain unchanged at **£1.66 (Primary) and £1.02 (Secondary) per pupil**.

4. The centrally held **School contingency** is held for the purpose of circumstances which were unforeseen when the school's budget share was initially determined; a particular example of the use of contingencies would be the funding of additional **NNDR (business rate) costs** following a re-valuation. It is proposed that the de-delegation rates for 2019/20 remain at **£2.00 per pupil for both Primary and Secondary schools**.

**(vi) Recommendation** – The Schools Forum is asked to approve:

- The continuation of de-delegation of the following items on the same basis as 2018/19.

De-delegation	Primary	Secondary
Behaviour Support	yes/no/abstain	
Narrowing the Gap	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
Trade Union Duties	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
School Contingency	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain

- Primary and secondary representatives of maintained mainstream schools are required to vote individually on each budget.