

Dedelegation by maintained schools 2016-17

The local authority is required to consult the primary and secondary LA maintained schools of the Schools Forum every year about de-delegation of the following budgets:

- 1.1.2 Behaviour support services
- 1.1.3 Support to UPEG and bilingual learners (“Narrowing the Gap”)
- 1.1.4 Free school meals eligibility
- 1.1.5 Insurance
- 1.1.6 Museum and Library services
- 1.1.7 Licences/subscriptions
- 1.1.8 Staff costs – supply cover (special leave and salary safeguarding)
- 1.1.9 Staff costs – supply cover for (trade union) facility time

Academies, free schools, special school and nurseries cannot de-delegate and primaries must decide separately from secondaries. De-delegated funds are taken off the funding for maintained schools and are used for separate central budgets.

When consulted in the autumn of 2014, Barnet schools agreed to de-delegate Narrowing the Gap and Trade Union time budgets, and Primaries, but not secondaries, de-delegated the Behaviour Support budget. It was decided not to dedelegate Salary Safeguarding (1.1.8). The budgets indicated by the codes 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, and 1.1.7 have never been de-delegated in Barnet.

1.1.2 The Behaviour Support budget funds the high incidence support team work with maintained primary schools. The budget in 2015/16 is £77,613 and the de-delegation rate is £3.01 per pupil

1.1.3 The Narrowing the Gap budget funds the Narrowing the Gap team. The budget in 2015/16 is £85,564 and the de-delegation rates are £9.55 (Primary) and £16.34 (Secondary) per pupil.

1.1.9 Staff Costs for trade union duties funds the salaries of officials of the various unions representing staff in schools. The budget is supplemented by income from the traded service that enables academies to contribute to these costs. The DSG budget in 2015/16 is £47,512 and the de-delegation rates are £1.66 (Primary) and £1.02 (Secondary) per pupil.

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.

Recommendation – The Schools Forum is asked to approve the continuation of de-delegation on the same basis as 2015-16.