

## 14. 2020/21 De-delegation items – agreement by sector

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Authority (LA) is required to consult the primary and secondary maintained school representatives on the Schools Forum every year about de-delegation of many centrally-held budgets. De-delegated funds are a deduction from maintained schools' budget shares, after calculation of Schools Block allocations. De-delegation can only apply to maintained primary and secondary school budgets. Academies, free schools, special schools, PRUs and nurseries cannot de-delegate. However, they can choose to buy into the same de-delegated services on traded arrangement, at an agreed per pupil rate or in the case of special schools and PRUs, by a per place amount.
- 1.2 Decisions on De-delegation must be taken at the Schools Forum by primary and secondary sector representatives separately, every financial year. It requires the agreement of a simple majority of the maintained representatives for the relevant phase on the Schools Forum on a recommended per pupil basis
- 1.3 De-delegated budgets can change within the financial year, decreasing when schools convert to academies, but rising if maintained schools expand, or independent schools join the maintained sector.

### 1.4 Summary Table:

De-Delegated Services	2020/21		2019/20	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil
Behaviour Support	3.01	0.00	3.01	0.00
Narrowing the Gap	9.55	16.34	9.55	16.34
Trade Union Duties	1.66	1.02	1.66	1.02
Additional Schools Improvement Service	4.06	2.10	11.28	5.83
Option 1 : Schools Contingency	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Option 2 : Schools Contingency plus Schools in Financial Difficulty	8.63	8.63	0.00	0.00

- 1.5 For the 2020-21 financial year, the LA is requesting the following existing de-delegation items from 2019-20 at the following per pupil rates:

- 1.5.1 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**
- 1.5.2 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**, based on FSM Ever 6 pupil numbers

1.5.3 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**.

1.5.4 For **Additional Schools Improvement Service**, it is proposed to have reduced rates of **£4.06 per Primary pupil and £2.10 per Secondary pupil**. This funding will be used to support the Learning Network Inspector Team to carry out the following core statutory functions

- Monitoring maintained schools to identify those that may require intervention
- Intervening in underperforming maintained schools
- Commissioning of support for schools subject to intervention

1.5.5 The centrally held **School contingency** is held for circumstances which were unforeseen when the school's budget share was initially determined; an 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 2020-21 remain at **£2.00 per pupil for both Primary and Secondary school** OR **£8.63 per pupil for both Primary and Secondary** to give an additional £200,000 to support schools in financial difficulty; redundancies.

i) **Recommendation** – The Schools Forum is asked to approve by sector, the continuation of de-delegation of the following items for 2020/21.

De-delegation	£ per pupil	Primary	Secondary
<b>Behaviour Support</b>	£3.01	yes/no/abstain	
<b>Narrowing the Gap</b>	£9.55 (primary) £16.34 (secondary)	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>Trade Union Duties</b>	£1.66 (primary) £1.02 (secondary)	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>Additional School Improvement Services</b>	£4.06 (primary) £2.10 (secondary)	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>Option 1: School Contingency OR</b>	£2.00	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain
<b>Option 2: School Contingency plus Schools in Financial Difficulty; redundancy</b>	£8.63	yes/no/abstain	yes/no/abstain

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