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**School Forum**

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**School Funding Reform- De-delegation of services**

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| **Forum asked to decide / steer / be informed** | **Forum to decide on service areas to de-delegate** |
| **Time Needed** | **15 minutes** |

As part of the School Funding Reform requirements schools forum is required to decide on which services (that are allowed) should be de-delegated. The decision making is restricted into primary and secondary issues and forum members can only vote on their own sector issues.

For 2017-18 the forum agreed to the following de delegations. For 2018-19 the forum is required to decide again on which items (that are allowed) should be de-delegated.

**Value of De-delegations to maintained schools in FY2017-18**

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| Description | Detail | Amount  Primary | Amount Secondary | Methodology of delegation |
| HCSS | Licence for budget management software | £13,889 | £969 | Lump sum per school  £323 |
| Pupil Retention Grant – Primary Only | Resources to support behaviour management | £64,077 | £0 | Per pupil  Primary £7.95 |
| Behaviour Support Services | Resources currently allocated to area panels to support pupils with behaviour difficulties | £290,782 | £0 | Per pupil  Primary £36.04 |
| Broadband charges | Costs of broadband circuits to schools | £193,446 | £20,591 | Lump sum £3,659  Per pupil Primary £4.48  Secondary £5.01 |
| FSM checking Service | Resources to check eligibility of pupils to FSM | £10,559 | £2,667 | Per pupil  Primary £1.57  Secondary £1.57 |
| Maternity cover | Cost of cover maternity and paternity | £236,883 | £31,912 | Per pupil  Primary £29.39  Secondary £16.63 |
| Jury, magistrates and Councillor | Cost of cover | £2,418 | £768 | Per pupil  Primary £0.30  Secondary £0.40 |
| Union duties | Cost of facility time for union representatives | £32,465 | £2,265 | Per school  Primary £755  Secondary £755 |
| Termination of employment costs | Cost of individual cases | £7,818 | £1,132 | Per pupil  Primary £0.97  Secondary £0.59 |

The decision made by forum will affect all schools in the sector. If forum were to decide that maternity budget should be de delegated for primary schools then all maintained primary schools would have the £30.32 (estimated) deducted from their budget and used to support maternity across all primary schools, effectively creating a pool of resources.

The regulations do not allow an academy to de delegate resources in the same way as maintained schools can. If an academy is interested in purchasing the service then a decision on a school by school basis can be made by each academy, if a service is available.

The Same principle applies to Special Schools as their funding will be incorporated into the top up funding methodology that supports high needs pupils. Therefore Special schools will be invited to purchase an SLA where a service is required.

The behaviour support service items are intended to support the behaviour and attendance panels. If maintained schools decide to de delegate these items the resource will be passed to the panels for use across all schools. For Academies each school will be invoiced for the equivalent resource that de delegation would produce with the resource also being passed to the panels to utilise.

The De-Delegation of resources process is anticipated to remain the same as previous years, but may change due to any new financial regulations the DFE may impose. If regulations remain the same, then in order to satisfy the DFE requirements of the funding reform the LA will need to inform the DFE of the delegation responses in January, and as we have a forum prior to that date a decision is not necessarily required at this meeting.

The consultation responses were shared with the forum in the November meeting and showed a positive response to continue the de delegation process for 2018-19. However, consideration needs to be given to the diminishing pool as schools convert to academies.

Forum is therefore asked to agree to de delegate the above services funds and consider the message it wishes to give to schools about the ongoing de delegation