Report to Schools Forum

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Title: De-Delegation Proposals 2022-23

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Recommendations:

To consider and agree the proposals for de-delegation in 2022-23 based on the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B to this report.

Reason for decision: to set de-delegation levels for 2022-23.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to set out the proposals for existing de-delegations and former ESG funded services de-delegations 2022-23 for consideration by Schools Forum. The DfE Operational Guide published in August 2021 makes no changes to the De-delegation definition or guidance. A subsequent consultation was issued by the DfE on 29th October making proposals in relation for the de-delegation of funds for core School Improvement activities from April 2022. As that consultation had not closed on the date the meeting took place no proposals were considered by the Committee.

1.2. The Maintained Schools Committee met on 19th November 2021 with an open invitation to representatives from maintained schools. The recommendations from that meeting are attached to this report.

2. Maintained Schools Committee

2.1. The committee met on 19th November 2021. The notes of that meeting are attached to this report.

2.2. Supplementary information was provided to the committee including expenditure in previous years and a further update on the trade union facilities costs and educational visits service. All of this information was taken into account in the discussions in the group.

2.3. Based on that information the committee made the following recommendations.

3. "Existing" De-delegated Services

3.1. It is recommended that de-delegation for "existing" de-delegated services across primary and secondary schools should be as follows:

- Contingency fund for schools in deficit - It is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2022-23 due to the amount that has been rolled forward from previous years. This is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

- Contingency for deficits of closing schools – it is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2022-23 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis.

- Trade union facilities – it is recommended that funding is de-delegated at 70p per pupil.

- Supply cover for small schools – it is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2022-23 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis. This is due to the amounts rolled forward from previous years.

4. Former ESG funded Services

4.1. It is recommended that de-delegation for former ESG funded services is as follows:

- Finance support for schools in financial difficulties – £2.75 per pupil primary and secondary/ £10 per place Special and PRU

- Educational Visits Service - £1 per pupil for primary and secondary/ £4 per pupil Special and PRU