

<b>Title:</b> De-delegation	
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<b>Schools affected:</b>	All maintained schools

## 1. Purpose of this report

1.1. This report sets out the proposals for existing de-delegations and former ESG funded services de-delegations for 2018-19 for consideration by the Maintained Schools Sub-committee.

## 2. Existing De-delegated services

- 2.1. Existing de-delegated services are for maintained schools only; funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but can be passed back, or 'de-delegated', for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval. De-delegation does not apply to special schools, nursery schools, or PRUs.
- 2.2. Any decisions made to de-delegate in 2017 -18 related to that year only; new decisions will be required for any service to be de-delegated in 2018 -2019.
- 2.3. Schools forum members for primary maintained schools, and secondary maintained schools, must decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally. They must decide on fixed contributions for these services so that funding can then be removed from the formula before school budgets are issued. There may be different decisions for each phase.
- 2.4. The Schools Forum constitution requires any final decision to be made at a formal Schools Forum meeting. Only maintained school representatives may vote on de-delegation proposals affecting their schools.
- 2.5. De-delegation has historically been agreed for:
  - Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)
  - Staff costs supply cover (for example, long-term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties).

## 3. Pupil Numbers

- 3.1. To calculate the rates the following data has been used (with assumptions for schools converting to Academies):
  - Total 40,000 with Primary Pupils: 35,000 and Secondary Pupils: 5,000

## 4. Proposals

- 4.1. The table below sets out the proposals for Existing Dedelegation. Overall the amount requested is £612,500. This is significantly less than the £819,100 required in 2017/18 due to underspends on deficit contingency (B below) from 2017/18 being utilised.

**Table 4. 2018/19 dedelegation proposals**

<b>De-delegation Area</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget</b>	<b>2017-18 rates</b>	<b>2018-19 estimated budget</b>	<b>Proposals 2018-19</b>
<b>A. Contingency – Schools in Financial Difficulties</b>	The fund is administered by the Contingency Panel Group using Terms of Reference agreed by Schools Forum	£452,200	Primary : £10 per pupil Secondary: £12.50 per pupil	£412,500 (A reduction of £39,700 on 2017-18)	Rates maintained at Primary : £10 per pupil Secondary: £12.50 per pupil to give a fund of £412,500 (£350,000 from Primary and £62,500 Secondary).
<b>B. Contingency-deficits of closing schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is used to offset the cost of writing off deficits budgets at the point of maintained schools becoming sponsored academies and the old school 'closing'. The LA calculates the amount at the point of closure. Deficits from sponsored schools must be written off (e.g. Converting deficits to a loan is not permitted).</li> </ul>	£324,900	£3.50 per pupil plus £1,000 per school.	£325,000 (of which £165,000 to be carried forward to 2018-19 from underspend in 2017-18)	<p>The request from schools in 2018/19 is £4 per pupil and no lump sum. This provided £160,000 of funding in year. (£140,000 from Primary and £20,000 from Secondary)</p> <p>There is no lump sum proposal due to the significant drop in lump sum in the National Funding Formula proposals and the reduction in budget requirement.</p>
<b>C. Union Facilities</b>	This contributes to the cost of supporting Union activity for maintained schools	£52,000 (of which £23,000 was carried forward from 2016/17)	70p per pupil	£51,000 (of which £23,000 to be carried forward to 2018-19 from underspend in 2017-18)	The rate is maintained at 70p per pupil providing £28,000. (£24,500 from Primary and £3,500 from Secondary).
<b>D. Cover For Small Schools</b>	This contributes to the cost of supporting small schools in covering jury service and attendance at key meetings	£13,000	30 per pupil	£12,000	Maintaining the rate at 30p (£10,500 from Primary and £1,500 from Secondary)
<b>Total</b>		<b>£842,100 (of which £23,000 was carried forward from 2016/17) and £819,100 was from in year contributions. (£1000 per school +£14.50 primary / £17.00 secondary</b>		<b>£800,500 (of which £188,000 from 2017/18 expected underspends carried forward)</b>	<b>£15 per pupil in Primary and £17.50 per pupil in secondary. (£525,000 from Primary and £87,500 from secondary, giving a total in year contribution of £612,500.</b>

## **5. Former ESG funded Services**

- 5.1. Local authorities can fund services previously funded from the general funding rate of the ESG (for maintained schools only) from maintained school budget shares, with the agreement of maintained school members of the schools forum.
- 5.2. The relevant maintained schools members of the schools forum (primary, secondary, special and pupil referral units (PRUs), should agree the amount the local authority will retain.
- 5.3. A single rate should be set (per 5 to 16 year old pupil) for all mainstream maintained schools. Local authorities can choose to establish differential rates for special schools and PRUs expressed per-place rather than per-pupil and this will 4 x pupil funding.

## **6. Pupil Numbers**

- 6.1. To calculate the rates the following data has been used (with assumptions for schools converting to Academies):

Total pupil numbers 40,000 (Primary Pupils: 35,000 and Secondary Pupils: 5,000)  
plus  
Special schools / PRUs places 1000 (contribution is 4 x primary and secondary)

## **7. Proposals**

- 7.1. The table below sets out the proposals for 2018-19.
- 7.2. The proposals in 2017/18 were prorated as Education Services Grant was received by BCC until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. For comparison purposes the full year equivalent has also been shown.
- 7.3. The amount per school requested is reduced in 2018.19 due to efficiencies in joint working between BCC and BLT and underspends from 2017/18 being used to offset the 2018/19 request.
- 7.4. The effectiveness of the finance support should result in a reduced requirement for deficit contingency in future years (in Table 4.1)

**Table 7. 2018/19 former ESG dedelegation proposals**

De-delegation Area (former ESG)	Notes	2017-18 Budget (annual)	2017-18 rates	2018-19 estimated budget	Proposals 2018-19
<p><b>Finance Support</b> Specialist Finance support for schools with deficit budgets through BLT mainly.</p> <p>BCC Finance Support</p>	<p>The service helps identify financial risk and provides targeted support to schools in managing budgets to avoid deficits. Schools needing a service cannot self-refer. BLT will support schools as commissioned by BCC. The FD for Education will report back termly to Schools Forum on the service provided and outcomes from support provided.</p> <p>Schools needing support outside of the scope of this commission will need to purchase the relevant support package from BCC.</p>	<p>£110,000</p> <p>£30,000</p>	<p>£2.49 per pupil / £9.96 per place. (part year £1.45/£5.80 per place)</p> <p>68p per pupil/ £2.72 per place. (part year 40p/ £1.60 per place)</p>	<p>£127,000 (of which £17,000 is underspend from 2017/18).</p>	<p>A single rate of £2.50 per pupil/ £10 per place to provide a contribution of £110,000 in 2018/19. (£87,500 from primary, £12,500 from secondary and £10,000 from Special schools and PRUs)</p> <p>This is achieved through more effective management of the BLT services and targeting of support, possible through better working between BCC and BLT.</p>
<p><b>Educational Visits</b> (Evolve) service provided by BCC</p>	<p>The cost of Evolve directly from the IT provider Edufocus with advice from the preferred Evolve provider would be £1098 / Primary £1898 /Secondary. BCC therefore offers a very good value for money service)</p> <p>The traded offer proposed to academies from September 2018 will be £50 per school plus £1 per pupil. This will include training. The difference between traded services to academies and maintained schools through dedelegation is the £50 per school fee which covers administration costs of supporting academies.</p>	<p>£44,000</p>	<p>£1.03 per pupil/ £4.12 per place (part year 60p per pupil/£2.40 per place)</p>	<p>£44,000</p>	<p>£1.00 per pupil/ £4 per place to provide a total budget of £44,000.</p> <p>This will also cover training currently charged separately to both maintained schools and academies.</p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>		<p><b>£184,000</b></p>	<p><b>£4.20 per pupil/ £16.80 per place (part year £2.45/£9.80 per place)</b></p>	<p><b>£171,000 of which £17,000 is from underspends in 2017/18.</b></p>	<p><b>Contribution £154, 000</b></p> <p><b>£3.50 per pupil/ £14 per place.</b></p>

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1. *That maintained primary and secondary representatives of Schools Forum agree to the de-delegation rates of £15 per pupil in Primary and £17.50 per pupil in secondary for existing de-delegation as set out in Table at 4.***
- 8.2. *That maintained primary and secondary representatives of Schools Forum agree to a charge for de-delegation of £3.50 per pupil for former ESG funded service set out in Table at 7.***
- 8.3. *That special school and PRU representatives on Forum agree to a charge for de-delegation for former ESG funded service of £14 per place to cover the activities set out in Table at 7.***