



# Report to Schools Forum

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Title:** De-Delegation Proposals 2023-24

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## **Recommendations:**

**To consider and agree the proposals for de-delegation in 2023-24 based on the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee.**

**Reason for decision:** to set de-delegation levels for 2023-24.

## 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 2023-24 for consideration by Schools Forum. The DfE Operational Guide published in July 2022 makes no changes to the De-delegation definition or guidance. The guidance includes provision to allow the de-delegation of funds to support core and additional school improvement activity.
- 1.2. The Maintained Schools Committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with an open invitation to representatives from maintained schools.

## 2. Maintained Schools Committee

- 2.1. The committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. 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. All of this information was taken into account in the discussions in the group.
- 2.3. A separate report on proposals for the de-delegation of funding for school improvement activity was also presented to the meeting. This report is included as

a separate agenda item for this Schools Forum meeting and the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee are included here.

2.4. Based on the information presented at the meeting, 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Trade union facilities – It is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2023-24 due to the amount that has been rolled forward from previous years. This is to be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Supply cover for small schools – it is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2023-24 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

### 5. School Improvement Activity

5.1. It is recommended that de-delegation for school improvement activity is £2.40 per pupil for 2023-24.

### 6. Recommended De-Delegation 2023-24

6.1. The total recommended de-delegation for 2023-24 is summarised as follows:



<b>Service</b>	<b>Primary/Secondary per pupil (£)</b>	<b>Special School per Place (£)</b>
Contingency Fund for schools in deficit	-	-
Contingency for deficits of closing schools	-	-
Trade Union Facilities	-	-
Supply cover for small schools	-	-
Finance Support for schools in financial difficulties	2.75	10.00
Educational Visits Service	1.00	4.00
School Improvement	2.40	-
<b>Total proposed de-delegation per pupil/place</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>14.00</b>