



Report to Schools Forum

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Title: De-Delegation Proposals 2024-25

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Recommendations:

To consider and agree the proposals for de-delegation in 2024-25 based on the recommendations of the Maintained Schools Committee.

Reason for decision: to agree items included in de-delegation and review rates for 2024-25.

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 2024-25 for consideration by Schools Forum. The DfE Operational Guide published in July 2023 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.

2. “Existing” De-delegated Services

2.1. It is recommended that de-delegation for “existing” de-delegated services across primary and secondary schools should continue as follows:

- Contingency fund for schools in deficit - It is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2024-25 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 2024-25 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Trade union facilities – this is currently de-delegated at 70p per pupil however, there is a need to review the funding arrangements to align with the activity, which will be undertaken as part of the budget allocation.
- Supply cover for small schools – it is recommended that there is no de-delegation in 2024-25 and that this should be reviewed on an annual basis. This is due to the amounts rolled forward from previous years.

3. Former ESG funded Services

3.1. It is recommended that the current rates for de-delegation of former ESG funded services should be reviewed as part of the 2024-25 allocation process to consider the impact of cost increases. The current rates are 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

4. School Improvement Activity

4.1. Similarly, it is recommended that de-delegation for school improvement activity, currently £2.40 per pupil for 2023-24 is reviewed for 2024-25.

5. Recommended De-Delegation 2024-25

5.1. The total recommended de-delegation for 2024-25 should be reviewed and set at the minimum values as summarised in the following table reflecting 2023-24 rates:

Table1 - 2023-24 De-delegation rates

Service	Primary/Secondary per pupil (£)	Special School per Place (£)
Contingency Fund for schools in deficit	-	-
Contingency for deficits of closing schools	-	-
Trade Union Facilities	0.70	-
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	-
Total proposed de-delegation per pupil/place	6.15	14.00