

**SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FUND – RATES FOR RELEASE OF STAFF**

**1. Proposal**

To consider fixed rates for the provision and receipt of support through the school partnerships arrangements.

**2. Background**

A budget of £196,000 is held centrally, funded from the DSG, to support the costs of partnerships between schools. The school partnerships are set up to strengthen areas of weakness in schools using expertise from other schools that are Good or Outstanding and have particular strengths in subject areas or other aspects of educational provision that can benefit schools that are Requires Improvement or below, or at risk of becoming so.

Schools requiring support are identified by the LA and Good or Outstanding schools approached to provide that support. The schools are asked to work together to develop a costed plan of support over a fixed period of time including expected outcomes. It would therefore be helpful to agree in advance the funding that will be allocated for each area of support and indeed whether funding should be allocated for particular activities at all, for example non-teaching leadership or support staff time.

**3. Recommendation**

To agree the rates below to support the release of staff in schools in providing and receiving support where cover arrangements are required.

Support provided/received	Funding per day
Release of teaching staff for coaching, lesson observation, moderation, sharing of good practice etc.	£200
Release time for head teacher, deputy or senior leader for leadership development activity at other school	£400
Release for SENCO support	£200
Whole staff meetings (twilight sessions)	£0
Release of support staff	£100