

**Havering Proposals for De-delegated Services in 2016-17**

Other than the centrally held budgets, all other funding that falls within the Schools Block is delegated to schools and academies through the funding formula. For some activities, the Schools Funding Forum decides on behalf of all maintained primary and secondary schools to de-delegate budgets to continue to have them retained centrally on behalf of schools. No de-delegation is permitted for academies, special schools or PRUs who can make individual decisions on whether or not they wish to buy into the services. The areas subject to de-delegation and the decisions made for 2015-16 are as follows:

<b>Services</b>	<b>De-delegated in 2015-16</b>	
	<b>Primary schools</b>	<b>Secondary schools</b>
Support for schools in financial difficulty	Yes	Yes
Behaviour Support Service	Yes	No
Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners	Yes	No
Free school meals eligibility	Yes	Yes
Insurance	Yes	Yes
Licences/subscriptions	Yes	Yes
Staff costs - maternity cover & T.U. facility time	Yes	Yes

The Funding Forum is asked to make the same decisions on de-delegation for 2016-17 and to what extent it wishes to consult with head teacher colleagues.

**1. Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty**

By agreeing to de-delegate a budget, the Schools Funding Forum is able to offer support to schools who find themselves in financial difficulty through unforeseen circumstances, falling rolls etc. This has benefited many schools in the past allowing them to recover their financial position.

Factor: AWPU

	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	13.54	242,650
Secondary	13.54	35,218
<b>Total</b>		<b>277,868</b>

## 2. Attendance and Behaviour Service

Service provision from a de-delegated budget is set out as attached at **Appendix J.1**

The budget to be de-delegated for this service would be as follows:

	Factor	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	AWPU	2.74	49,104
	FSM	23.63	60,840
	IDACI 4	10.96	20,555
	IDACI 5	389.52	25,385
	IDACI 6	623.70	8,158
	Attainment	9.11	42,232
Total			206,274

The total de-delegated budget in 2016-17 remains unchanged due to no new Primary Academy converters this year.

## 3. EAL Service

Service provision from a de-delegated budget is set out as attached at **Appendix J.2**

The budget delegated for this service is as follows:

Factor: EAL3

	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	230.37	457,836
Secondary	727.46	171,449

De-delegation

	Rate £	Budget £	Schools retain £
Primary	108.99	194,119	263,717
Secondary			171,449

## 4. Free School Meal Eligibility Service

This service checks the eligibility of children for free school meals and pupil premium grant by accessing a central government hub. Without this service schools would need to make their own arrangements to determine eligibility.

It is proposed to increase the rate from £7.36 to £8.21 to assist with the extension of the eligibility checking from nursery aged pupils upwards and the increase in volume of applications due to the growth in applications in the borough.

Factor: FSM

	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	8.21	21,138
Secondary	8.21	2,944

## 5. School Insurance

Insurance for maintained schools is currently held centrally following the decision to de-delegate the budget for 2015-16. This will be discussed at the next meeting in October.

## 6. Licences/Subscriptions

The majority of licences are now part of the national arrangements, it is proposed to discontinue this de-delegated provision for 2016/17.

## 7. Maternity Insurance

The LA administers an insurance scheme that meets the costs of teachers who are on maternity leave. The benefit of de-delegating the budget is that schools do not have to pay premiums or make claims.

If the funding is delegated, schools would need to make individual choices to buy into the scheme which, if some schools decided not to, may make it unviable to run.

The de-delegated budget for 2016-17 is proposed to remain unchanged from 2015-16 per pupil rate.

The budget de-delegated for this service would be as follows:

Factor: AWPU

	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	15.54	278,492
Secondary	15.54	43,139

## 8. Trade Union Facility Time

During 2014-15 a working group of the Schools Funding Forum considered issues raised in a DfE advice and guidance document and made comparisons of costs with other LAs. Decisions were made to reduce the amount of facility time and therefore the costs to schools and academies.

The pooled arrangements continue to benefit schools through the provision of support from locally based and accredited trade union officials.

The costs have reduced from £5.70 per pupil to £4.00 per pupil.

The total budget required has reduced from £200,000 to £146,051. The amount requested for de-delegation and the sum to be charged to academies, special schools and the PRS are as follows:

De-delegation

	Rate £	Budget £
Primary	4.00	71,684
Secondary	4.00	10,404

Invoiced

	Rate £	Budget £
Academies etc	4.00	61,424

**Extract from Operational Guidance 2016-17****De-delegated Services**

57. Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but can be de-delegated for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval. De-delegation is not an option for academies, special schools, nurseries or PRUs. Where de-delegation has been agreed for maintained primary and secondary schools, our presumption is that the local authority will offer the service on a buy-back basis to those schools and academies in their area which are not covered by the de-delegation. In the case of special schools and PRUs, the funding to buy such services will be included in any top-up payments.

58. Any decisions made to de-delegate in 2015 to 2016 related to that year only, so new decisions will be required for any service to be de-delegated in 2016 to 2017. Schools forum members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools must decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally and the decision will apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase. Funding for these services will then be removed from the formula before school budgets are issued. There may be different decisions for each phase. The services which may be de-delegated are:

- contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)
- behaviour support services
- support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners
- free school meals eligibility
- insurance
- museum and library services
- licences/subscriptions
- staff costs supply cover (e.g. long-term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties)

59. For each service de-delegated, authorities will need to make a clear statement of how the funding is being taken out of the formula (for example – primary insurance £20 per pupil, secondary behaviour support services £30 per FSM pupil). There should be a clear statement of how contingencies and other resources will be allocated. Academies will continue to receive a share of funding for these services in their delegated budget.

60. Where de-delegation is agreed, middle schools will potentially be subject to two different decisions and the unit value for de-delegation may be different for primary and secondary age pupils. For example, if the primary sector agreed to de-delegate a service but the secondary sector did not, middle schools in the authority would have their formula allocation reduced only for their primary pupils at the agreed primary school rate.

61. Where a school converts to academy status before or on 1 April 2016, no de-delegation can take place. Where a school converts on or after 2 April 2016, up to and including 1 September 2016, the authority can retain any de-delegated funding until 1 September 2016. Where a school converts to academy status on or after 2 September 2016, up to and including 31 March 2017, the authority can retain any de-delegated funding for the remainder of the 2016 to 2017 financial year. This will help services to plan their future operations. After the dates specified, the academy will receive the full formula allocation and this will be recouped from the local authority.

62. Where there has been agreement that a school is entitled to receive an allocation from a de-delegated contingency fund, that agreement should be honoured if the school converts to an academy at any point in the year. Where a school converts to an academy in the period 2 April to 1 September 2016, authorities will have an opportunity to present an evidence based case to the EFA to request a recoupment adjustment for the period 2 September 2016 to 31 March 2017.

63. Any unspent de-delegated funding remaining at the year-end should be reported to Schools Forum. Funding may be carried forward to the following funding period as with any other centrally retained budget, and can be used specifically for de-delegated services if the authority wishes.