



**Subject Heading:**

**De-delegation of budget for 2016-17 –  
Trade union Facility Time and  
Insurance**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**Representatives of maintained primary  
and secondary schools**

### SUMMARY

At the last meeting of the Schools Funding Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> September decisions were made on the de-delegation of budgets for a number of services as permitted by the School and Early Years Finance Regulations. Decisions on the de-delegation of trade union facility time and insurance were deferred until the October meeting.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That representatives of maintained primary and secondary schools agree to the de-delegation of budgets for the following services in 2016-17 financial year:

- (i) trade union facility time
- (ii) general insurance

### REPORT DETAIL

1. De-delegation of budgets on a range of services is permitted by the School and Early Years Finance Regulations and decisions were made at the Schools Funding Forum meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September as follows:

<b>Services</b>	<b>Primary schools</b>	<b>Secondary schools</b>
Support for schools in financial difficulty	Yes	Yes
Attendance & Behaviour Service	Yes	No
EAL Service	Yes	No

Free school meals eligibility	Yes	Yes
Insurance	Yes	Yes
Maternity cover T.U. facility time	Yes	Yes

Decisions were deferred on de-delegation of budgets for Trade Union Facility Time pending the advice of the Trade Union Facility Time Working Group and on insurance pending advice on contract costs from the LA's corporate accountants.

2. Trade Union Facility Time

In previous years the decision has been to de-delegate and the decision now needs to be made for 2016-17. The Trade Union Facility Time Working Group met on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and a report and recommendations are made to the Schools Funding Forum in the item preceding this one. The amounts to be charged per pupil will apply to the delegation of the budget for maintained primary and secondary schools. A joint letter from trade unions is attached for consideration.

3. Insurance

In previous years the decision has been to de-delegate funding to retain insurance arrangements centrally and the decision now needs to be made for 2016-17.

The charges for insurance cover:

Buildings and Contents  
Employer and Public Liability

The total cost for these for maintained primary and secondary schools in 2016-17 is £687,765 compared to £647,556 last year. This includes an increase in insurance tax imposed by central government which affects all insurance premiums.

Special schools and the pupil referral service will be invoiced direct for their share of this as for them, de-delegation is not permitted.

The proposed charges for maintained primary and secondary schools are as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17
Primary	£30.01	£31.50
Secondary	£18.17	£20.00