



## Schools Funding Forum 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018      ITEM 6

**Subject Heading:**

**De-delegation of funding for a central EAL service**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**LA maintained school representatives**

### SUMMARY

This item is to seek the approval of the Schools Funding Forum for the de-delegation of funding to maintain the provision of a central EAL service in 2019-20 as permitted by the DFE Schools Funding Regulations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

For LA maintained school representatives to agree to the de-delegation of funding from the budgets of LA maintained schools to support a central EAL service for financial year 2019-20.

### REPORT DETAIL

At the meeting of the Schools Funding Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, de-delegation of funding from the budgets of LA maintained schools was agreed for a range of central services as follows:

Attendance & Behaviour  
Free school meals eligibility  
General Insurance  
Maternity insurance  
Contingency budget to support schools in financial difficulty  
Trade Union Facility Time

A decision on de-delegation for the central EAL service was deferred pending wider consultation with schools.

Following the meeting a short consultation was sent to schools by email with responses requested by 6<sup>th</sup> November.

As of 2<sup>nd</sup> November responses were as follows:

No. of LA maintained schools	43
No. of responses	18
Response rate	42%

Yes	No	Total
15	3	18
83%	17%	

If agreed, de-delegation would be at £49 per EAL pupil from the £557.25 allocated through the national funding formula. Schools therefore retain 91% of their funding.

This would provide £110,000 to retain the central EAL service including a contingency of £10,000 to support schools that experience rapid demographic change.

The relevant appendix to the item at the September meeting providing a summary of the support from the EAL service is reattached at Appendix A.