



Subject Heading:

De-delegation of funding for central services 2024-25

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Eligibility to vote:

LA maintained school representatives

SUMMARY

This item considers the de-delegation of funding, to maintain the provision of a range of services provided centrally and for statutory and regulatory duties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For LA maintained primary and special school representatives to agree the de-delegation of funding for the following:
 - (i) Core school improvement activities

REPORT DETAIL

The de-delegation of funding for central services was an agenda item at the meeting of the Schools Funding Forum held on 21st September 2023 with Trade Union facility time added at the meeting on 19th October 2023.

Forum members discussed all the areas proposed for de-delegation with schools in their clusters, and feedback was provided at the Schools Funding Forum held on 30th November 2023, with the majority of de-delegation agreed by Forum members and their clusters.

For de-delegation for Core school improvement activities, Forum members were invited to go back to their clusters to provide further details in respect of the activities that this provision would be supporting schools with. Forum members are to provide feedback from those meetings, so that a decision can be reached on whether this service is approved for de-delegation.

Education functions for which de-delegation is requested – applicable to LA maintained primary and special schools only

1. Core school improvement activities

In January 2022 the DfE announced that the School Improvement, Monitoring and Brokerage Grant paid to local authorities would be reduced by 50% for financial year 2022-23 and then removed completely from 2023-24.

At the same time, local authorities were given the power to fund all improvement activity, including core activity, via de-delegation with the agreement of School Forums or the Secretary of State.

For 2024-25, the LA is seeking de-delegation at an unchanged rate of £5.11 per pupil. This generates 50% of the total DfE grant withdrawn. The service provided from de-delegated funds would remain unchanged from the current year as laid out in Item 9 Appendix D of the School Forum agenda for 21st September 2023.

2024-25	Primary	Special
Formula factor	AWPU	Place
Amount	£5.11	£15.33
Total	£88,300	£2,400

2023-24	£5.11	£15.33
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