

**Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 22 October 2014
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Agenda Item 5 – De-Delegated Services & Centrally retained Funding

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report identifies those services currently provided to maintained schools which are de-delegated and the funding in respect of centrally retained expenditure
- 1.2 The report provides indicative 2015/16 rates for these services and requests Forum members consider the continued support of this funding in 2015/16
- 1.3 As advised at Forum on 18th September a decision/vote is required at this meeting to enable the LA to submit the APT Proforma tool to the EfA by 31st October

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Schools funding regime, maintained schools are required to vote on the de-delegated services by sector. If agreed this funding is retained by the LA and the services are provided centrally to Schools.
- 2.2 Academies do not de-delegate this funding but can 'purchase' the services under a 'buy-back'-type arrangement.
- 2.3 Where a school converts to academy status on or after 2nd April 2015 and upto 1st September 2015, the LA retains the delegated funding for this period. If conversion occurs after 1st September then the LA retain the annual de-delegated funding.
- 2.4 Forum are also required to vote on the centrally retained funding as a collective with no differentiation between sectors, this includes Academies it is an "all in or all out vote" for each element.

3. 2015/16 De-Delegation

- 3.1 The de-delegation rates are expected to be broadly in line with those identified in **Table 1 below**, subject to the change in the census data in October. For simplicity all schools are included in the proposed figures.

3.2 Academies retain this funding as part of the recoupment calculation and cannot de-delegate back to the LA. However, should they wish to benefit from these services then a separate 'buy-back' agreement will be set up. This needs to be agreed to allow sufficient time for the LA to manage services.

Table 1 – 2015/16 Proposed De-Delegated Services and Funding Rates

Service		AWPU	AWPU	Deprivation	Deprivation	EAL
		Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	
		£	£	£	£	£
Assessing Free School Meals Eligibility Total £22k	£/FSM6 pupil	n/a	n/a	4.26	4.26	n/a
Ethnic Minority Pupils Total £44k	£/EAL pupil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	203.98
Trade Union facility time Total £32k	£/pupil	2.51	2.51	n/a	n/a	n/a
SIMS Licences Total £66k	£/pupil	5.12	5.12	n/a	n/a	n/a
Behaviour Support # Total £432k	50% £/pupil & 50% £/FSM6 pupil	9.95	26.70	24.40	70.44	n/a

- Behaviour Support includes Education Psychology £92k, School Attendance £232k, Inclusions £66k, Behaviour support £42k

- 3.3 The Behaviour Support rates have been revised to reflect more accurately the work undertaken on behalf of each sector. All other rates have remained at 14/15 levels.

Revised Behaviour Support rates:

Primary - £9.95 per pupil from AWPU (£8.91 14/15) £26.70 per FSM6 pupil (£21.84 14/15)

Secondary - £26.70 per pupil from AWPU (£28.27 14/15) £70.40 per FSM6 pupil (74.56 14/15)

4. Centrally Retained Services

- 4.1 **Table 2** details the centrally retained services, these have been cash frozen at 2012/13 levels.

Services	£m
Admissions	0.131
Servicing of Schools Forum	0.035
Combined Budgets: S2L*, School meals, Licenses and Vulnerable children	0.606
Capital Expenditure funded from revenue	0.628
Termination of Employment costs (Brierton)	0.031
Total	1.431

The Carbon reduction commitment has now been removed and the LAs DSG allocation will be reduced by £7.51 per pupil.

*The table assumes £0.238 contribution for Space to Learn, this will be subject to change depending on the decision made at the meeting.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 **Forum Members are asked to decide by sector whether or not they wish to continue to de-delegate funding in 2015/16 for the services listed in table 1 para 3.2**
- 5.2 **Academy Representatives are asked to decide whether they will buy back the de-delegated services in 2015/16 as detailed in Table 1, with the exception of SIMS licenses.**
- 5.3 **Forum members are asked to agree the value of Centrally Retained Services as shown in Table 2 para 4.1**