

**Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 18th September 2014
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Agenda Item 7 – De-Delegated Services

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report identifies those services currently provided to maintained schools excludes Catcote and the PRU) as part of the 2014/15 de-delegation agreement.
- 1.2 The report provides indicative 2015/16 de-delegation rates for these services and requests Forum members consider the continued de-delegation of this funding in 2015/16.
- 1.3 A decision/vote is not required at this meeting. However, a vote must be undertaken at the next full meeting of the Forum in October 2014.

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 The following services were subject to de-delegation in 2014/15, with the de-delegated rates shown for information:-

Table 1 – 2014/15 De-Delegated Services and Funding Rates

		AWPU Primary £	AWPU Secondary £	Deprivation Primary £	Deprivation Secondary £	EAL £
Assessing Free School Meals Eligibility	£/FSM6 pupil	n/a	n/a	4.26	4.26	n/a
Ethnic Minority Pupils	£/EAL pupil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	203.98
Trade Union Duties	£/pupil	2.51	2.51	n/a	n/a	n/a
SIMS Licences	£/pupil	5.12	5.12	n/a	n/a	n/a
'Behaviour Support' #	50% £/pupil & 50% £/FSM6 pupil	9.95	26.70	24.40	70.44	n/a

- Behaviour Support includes Education Psychology, School Attendance and Inclusions.

3. 2015/16 De-Delegation

- 3.1 The same services are subject to de-delegation with the rates expected to be broadly in line with those identified in **Table 1**, subject to the change in the census data in October.
- 3.2 Academies would retain the funding (and cannot de-delegate back to the LA) however should they wish to benefit from these services then a separate 'buy-back' agreement (equating to the value of funding received under the de-delegation formula) would need to be agreed in October 2014.

4. For Consideration

- 4.1 Forum Members are asked to consider whether they would wish to continue to de-delegate / 'buy back' in 2015/16 the services identified in Table 1 and consult with those schools they represent so that a formal vote can take place at the October 2014 meeting. This is required as depending on the outcome this could have significant implications on LA-provided services to schools.