

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM 18th JANUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

De-Delegation of School Budgets

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks a decision by Forum representatives of maintained schools on the possible de-delegation of a number of services to schools, where there is a preference to continue a central service.

2. BACKGROUND

In 2013-14 following DfE requirements a number of services were delegated to schools that were previously provided centrally by the LA. There are some areas where Schools Forum members, in their relevant phase, are able to decide, on behalf of their schools, that funding should be de-delegated and taken out of formula budgets before schools receive them. These amounts would then continue to be held centrally. Regulations provide for different decisions being made for each phase. The members eligible to vote are shown on the attached table.

3. BUDGETS FOR DE-DELEGATION

- **Contingency**

The budget for exceptional/unforeseen costs that it would be unreasonable for governing bodies to meet.

- **Special Staff Costs**

Teacher maternity, paternity and trade union facility costs for both teaching and non-teaching staff.

With regard to Trade Union Facility Time of £127,500, guidance confirms that representatives are entitled to reasonable paid time off during working hours to undertake Trade Union duties and relevant training. Wirral like many LA's has a local facility agreement in place. The budget for facility time includes non-teacher representation. Where funding is not de-delegated schools manage their own budget and make their own facility time arrangements.

- **School Library Service**

The provision of learning resources to schools, such as books, artefacts, posters and DVDs.

- **Insurance**

The cost of governor's liability to Aided schools.

- **Free School Meal (FSM) Eligibility**
The cost of administering the applications for FSMs
- **Behaviour Support**
The cost of a small team working with Primary Schools and a number of embedded police in Wirral's schools.
- **School Improvement**
School Improvement service.

4. DECISIONS TAKEN IN 2016-17

In the January 2016 meeting members of the forum made the following decisions:-

- The Primary Forum Representatives agreed de-delegate all of the budget areas except 7/12 of the MEAS Service. There is no proposal to de-delegate MEAS service in 2017-18.
- The Secondary Forum Representatives agreed to de-delegate Contingency, Special Staff costs (Maternity/Paternity), Insurance, FSM Eligibility, Behavior Support and 5/12 of the MEAS Service.
The Representatives did not agree to de-delegate Trade Union facilities time.
There is no proposal to de-delegate MEAS service in 2017-18.

5. SUMMARY OF BUDGETS FOR DE-DELEGATION

The tables below identify the budget for primary and secondary schools, how the budget is allocated through the formula and the amount per pupil deducted if it is de-delegated.

Primary Budget	Amount Delegated £	Method of Delegation	Amount per Pupil £	Average per School £ (300 pupils)
Contingency	93,900	Pupil	3.63	1,089
Special Staff Costs (Maternity/Paternity)	516,900	Pupil	20.00	6,000
Special Staff Costs (Trade Union)	76,500	Pupil	2.96	888
School Library Service	201,100	Pupil	7.78	3,334
Insurance	30,600	Pupil	1.18	354
FSM Eligibility	16,200	FSM	3.41	184
Behaviour Support	62,400	SEN PA	13.03	743
School Improvement	87,800	Pupil	3.40	1,020
Total	1,085,400			13,612

Secondary Budget	Amount Delegated £	Method of Delegation	Amount per Pupil £	Average per School £ (1,000 pupils)
Contingency	51,600	Pupil	3.01	3010
Special Staff Costs (Maternity/Paternity)	469,100	Pupil	27.32	27,320
Special Staff Costs (Trade Union)	51,000	Pupil	3.00	3,000
Insurance	10,500	Pupil	0.61	610
FSM Eligibility	12,900	FSM	4.71	749
Behaviour Support	77,500	SEN PA	22.45	4,378
School Improvement	84,000	Pupil	4.89	4,890
Total	756,600			43,957

Ex Education Services Grant (ESG) - General Duties

Primary and Secondary Budget	Amount	Method	Amount per Pupil £	Primary Average £ (300 pupils)	Secondary Average £ (1000 pupils)
ESG General Duties	250,134	Pupil-Maintained	8.84	2,652	8,840
Add Special	41,466	Schools			
Total	291,600	only			

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Primary Forum Representatives agree to de-delegate each of the following budgets for the financial year 2017-18:-
 - a. Contingency
 - b. Special Staff Costs
 - c. School Library Service
 - d. Insurance
 - e. School Improvement
 - f. MEAS
 - g. FSM eligibility
 - h. Behaviour support
2. The Primary Forum Representatives agree a contribution to former Education Services Grant costs of £217,761.
3. The Secondary Forum Representatives agree to de-delegate each of the following budgets for the financial year 2017-18:-
 - a. Contingency
 - b. Special Staff Costs
 - c. Insurance
 - d. School Improvement
 - e. MEAS
 - f. FSM eligibility
 - g. Behaviour support
4. The Secondary Forum Representatives agree a contribution to former Education Services Grant costs of £32,373.

Julia Hassall
Director of Children's Services

Forum Members Eligible to Vote

Primary Representatives

Jill Billinge	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead South)	Devonshire Park
Nikki Lightwing	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead North)	Manor Primary
Deborah Marchant	Primary Headteacher (Wallasey)	Eastway
Jill Pearson	Primary Headteacher (Deeside)	Barnston Primary
Viv Woods (Substitute)	Primary Headteacher (Beb/Brom)	St Andrews Primary
Andy Heron	Primary Governor	Cathcart Street Primary School
Steve Dainty	Primary Governor	St Joseph's Wallasey
Tim Kelly	Primary Governor	Grove Street
Lynn Ireland	Primary Governor	St Werburghs Catholic Primary

Secondary Representatives

Tony Taylor	Secondary Headteacher	Ridgeway High School
Adrian Whiteley	Secondary Governor	Mosslands