

SCHOOLS FORUM

Meeting date: 26th November 2019

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DE-DELEGATION 2020-21

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *Following the school funding arrangements announced in September 2019 it has been confirmed that de-delegation will continue to be an option for maintained schools in 2020-21. The maintained school representatives on the Schools Forum are required on an annual basis to decide on the de-delegation options.*
- 1.2 *The Cumbria Schools Forum maintained school representatives are asked to vote on the de-delegation options for 2020-21.*

1.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.0 *Ensuring that Cumbrian schools are funded appropriately is supportive of the Council Plan outcome that ‘People in Cumbria are healthy and safe’.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *The maintained Schools Forum representatives to decide upon the de-delegated budgets for 2020-21.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Further to the funding announcements in September 2019, de-delegation will continue to be an option for maintained schools in 2020-21. De-delegated services are for maintained schools only, funding of these services must be allocated through the Schools Block via the school funding formula but can be passed back (de-delegated) for maintained primary and secondary schools with Schools Forum approval.

- 4.2 The services that the de-delegated budgets apply to also impact maintained special schools and nursery schools and therefore an element is centrally retained in both the Early Years and High Needs Block for these services, although there is no de-delegation process for these two areas.
- 4.3 The current de-delegated services for 2019-20 are set out below:

De-delegated Service	Primary	Secondary
Contingencies	√	√
Staff Costs	√	√
Insurance	√	√
Library Services	√	X

- 4.4 A breakdown of the services provided under these headings is attached at Appendix 1. The maintained school representatives are asked to vote separately for the primary and secondary phases on which services should be de-delegated in 2020-21. The decision is binding for all schools in that phase. As per last year, it is not anticipated that there will be significant change from the 2019-20 budgets as below:

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20	Variance
Contingencies	0.615	0.006	0.044	0.666	0.666	0.000
Insurance	0.651	0.007	0.046	0.704	0.694	0.010
Staff Costs	0.913	0.009	0.066	0.987	0.987	0.000
Library Services	0.438	0.005	0.031	0.474	0.474	0.000
Total	2.617	0.026	0.187	2.831	2.821	0.010

- 4.5 There is a small increase in insurance relating the rising liability insurance costs. These are indicative figures only, final de-delegated budgets will be confirmed in January 2020.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The maintained school representatives of the Schools Forum are required to decide separately by phase upon the de-delegated services for 2020-21.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Resource and value for money implications are considered throughout this report.
- 6.2 The DfE has allocated provisional block allocations to local authorities for 2020-21, however, these are provisional only and will be updated in December 2019 based on pupil numbers and data on the October 2019 census.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This paper presents to the Schools Forum the options for maintained schools de-delegation for 2020-21.
- 7.2 The Schools Forum representatives are asked to vote on the de-delegation options (maintained school representatives only).

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Accompanying Documents:

Appendix 1 – De-delegation Budgets 2019-20

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