

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILSCHOOLS FORUM10th November 2016Report of the Strategic Director for Children's ServicesDe-Delegation of Funding 2017-18: Responses to Consultation1. Purpose of the Report

To seek decisions from school representatives on the Schools Forum in relation to the de-delegation (re-pooling) of funds for 2017-18.

2. Information and Analysis

On 15th September 2016 a letter from the LA invited mainstream primary and secondary schools to give their views on whether or not a range of budgets should be de-delegated for 2017-18. The proforma response form which schools were asked to complete is attached as Appendix 1. Schools were asked to e-mail their views on or before Thursday 20th October 2016.

Since April 2013 the Schools Forum has agreed to de-delegate primary and secondary schools' funding in respect of a range of services, such funding then being administered centrally on behalf of all contributor schools. De-delegation only applies to mainstream primary and secondary schools, other schools and academies are excluded from this process by regulation and have to make their own arrangements to cover the relevant responsibilities. Approval to de-delegate funding for each sector is a matter for each sector's school representatives on the Schools Forum; the letter and proforma canvassing schools' views is designed to help relevant Forum members reach their decisions on this issue.

The results of the consultation are as follows (% figures show the percentage in favour of de-delegation):

	No. of Responses	Contingencies	Ins'ce	Library	Maternity	Public Duties	Trade Unions
Primary respondents supporting de-delegation (of 329)	104 (31.6%)	97.1%	99.0%	67.3%	96.2%	95.2%	80.8%
Secondary respondents supporting de-delegation (of 25)	13 (52.0%)	92.3%	100.0%				76.9%

In view of the responses from schools, it is recommended that the above funding be de-delegated for 2017-18 for mainstream primary and secondary schools. If this is agreed then the Council will have to consider whether or not to accede to the Forum's request as part of the overall annual budget process.

The final de-delegation rates will be determined by the Authority as part of the 2017-18 budget setting process.

3. Other Considerations In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, finance, human resources, legal & human rights, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

Letter to schools published 15th September 2016 and responses from schools held in Children's Services Finance.

5. Strategic Director's Recommendations

- (i) That, in view of the responses from schools, primary and secondary school Forum representatives agree to de-delegate the budgets in Appendix 1 for 2017-18; and
- (ii) That the Schools Forum seeks the Council's approval to the arrangements arising from (i).

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Response Form: De-delegated (Re-pooled) Funding 2017-18 **(Primary and Secondary Schools only)**

Please return your school's completed form to schoolfunding@derbyshire.gov.uk by 20th October 2016

School Name:

DfE No:

Name of Person Completing Form:

Position within School:

Contact email:

<u>Primary</u>		2016-17 Value¹ £	Narrative	De-delegate/ (Re-pool) Yes or No?
Contingencies	AWPU	7.33 ²	e.g. schools in financial difficulty, exceptional unforeseen costs which are unreasonable for a GB to meet	Please select.
Insurance	AWPU	18.43	Includes premises, cash in transit, public liability and employers' liability	Please select.
Library & Museum Services	AWPU	1.41	Learning and teaching experiences to support all curriculum areas, creative learning needs and early years; predominantly used by nursery, primary and special schools	Please select.
	Lump Sum	219.22		
Staff Costs: Maternity	AWPU	17.41	Cover costs for staff on maternity, paternity or adoption leave	Please select.
Staff Costs: Public Duties	AWPU	0.09	Cover costs for staff on jury service.	Please select.
Staff Costs: Trade Unions	AWPU	3.48	Cover costs for staff undertaking approved union duties	Please select.
<u>Secondary</u>		2016-17 Value¹ £	Narrative	De-delegate/ (Re-pool) Yes or No?
Contingencies	AWPU	4.90	See primary	Please select.
Insurance	AWPU	16.24	See primary	Please select.
Staff Costs: Trade Unions	AWPU	3.48	See primary	Please select.

1. The values shown above are the 2016-17 rates; the rates for 2017-18 have still to be confirmed.
2. The 2016-17 primary contingency rate of £7.33 included a one-off 50% reduction; the rate for 2017-18 may have to be increased to bring it back towards previous historic levels.