

Committee:	School Forum
Meeting Date:	13 th October 2014
Title:	De- Delegation & Centrally Retained DSG
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Decision making / consultative / information:	Decision Making

What is the Forum being asked to decide?

1. The Forum is being asked to;
 - i. Agree on the continuation of the De-delegated services for 2015-16 as detailed from paragraph 21.
 - ii. Agree on the continuation of centrally retained services as set out in paragraph 23.

Who can Vote?

2. Headteachers and governors of maintained schools by phase. Middle school headteachers and governors are deemed part of the secondary phase for the purpose of the vote.
3. Academies cannot vote as the funding is automatically delegated to them.
4. Special Schools, PRU's and early years providers are not eligible to vote, as their funding is not calculated under the Schools block pro-forma. So different arrangements are in place.

Reason for recommendation

5. Under the funding reforms the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is split into three blocks, Schools, High Needs and Early Years as discussed at previous forums and detailed at the budget briefings earlier this year.
6. The presumption is that all Schools Block funding is delegated to schools. This is where the forum can then decide to de-delegate funding to the LA and also what is retained centrally.

Alternative options

7. Schools can decide not to de-delegate and also decide on what is / isn't held back centrally if agreed appropriate by the forum for Suffolk schools.

Who will be affected by this decision?

8. All LA maintained schools will be affected by decisions made regarding de-delegation and centrally retained Dedicated Schools Grant. **De-delegation is not an option for academies, special schools, PRUs or nurseries.**

Main body of the Report

De-delegation

9. For 2014-15 there was a thorough review of de-delegation and a vote was held for forum members. For 2015-16 we recommend that de-delegation continues as in 2014-15.

- Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools);
- Behaviour Support Services;
- Support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners;
- Staff costs supply cover (e.g. long-term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties).

10. For each of these, Schools Forum members in the relevant phase (primary or secondary) agreed in 2014-15 that the services should be de-delegated and it is recommended this should be the same for 2015-16. Below is a table to show the approximate cost per pupil and some examples if the money was retained by schools rather than de-delegated in 2015-16:

De-delegation			
	Approx cost per pupil - £	Large Secondary (1000 pupils) - £	Medium primary (250 pupils) - £
Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools);	15.00	15,000	3,750
Behaviour support services	12.00	12,000	3,000
Support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners	2.00	2,000	500
Staff costs supply cover	1.00	1,000	250

Centrally Retained Services

11. For 2015-16, again we would recommend that centrally retained services should continue as agreed by forum in 2014-15, however we also recognise that there have been discussions throughout the year regarding some centrally retained DSG funding.

12. There are limitations to these centrally retained services in that there can be no new commitments or increases in expenditure.

13. Centrally retained services include:

- Admissions
- Servicing of Schools Forum
- Contribution to combined budgets (which includes Integrated Teams, LAC Service, Growth, Landlord responsibilities, LIS Teams, Legal, Occupational Health, Copyright Licensing)
- Centrally funded termination of employment costs / redundancy

14. In essence this continues decisions the forum have always taken in voting to retain a portion of DSG funding for central services. However with the funding reforms LAs need to be clearer about what is included centrally. See **Annex A** for further detail. The items highlighted in yellow, are those that can be de-delegated so the amount available will change based on the number of academies.

Annex A

CB601 - West Business Support	86,049.00
CB602 - Coastal Business Support	40,200.00
CB603 - South Suffolk and Sudbury Business Support	41,463.00
CB604 - Ipswich South & West Business Support	79,157.00
CB605 - Central Business Support	50,399.00
CB606 - Lowestoft & Waveney Business Support	85,265.00
CB607 - Ipswich North & East Business Support	64,313.00
CB608 - CWAN/SEN Business Support	258,700.00
CB610 - Early Years & Childcare Business Support	57,794.00
CC550 - Commissioning & Partnership Team	80,000.00
CC552 - Central Business Support & PA's	8,210.00
CC766 - Behaviour Support Strategy	745,148.53
CD110 - West LAC Team	37,800.00
CG800 - Integrated Service Delivery Central Management	125,867.00
CG820 - Ipswich North & East - 0-11	131,245.00
CG821 - Ipswich North & East - 12+	41,255.00
CG822 - Ipswich North & East Community Development	87,560.00
CG840 - Ipswich South & West - 0-11	134,999.00
CG841 - Ipswich South & West - 12+	59,999.00
CG842 - Ipswich South & West Community Development	97,000.00
CG860 - Coastal - 0-11	120,000.00
CG861 - Coastal - 12+	60,000.00
CG862 - Coastal Community Development	95,000.00
CG880 - South Suffolk and Sudbury - 0-11	150,001.00
CG881 - South Suffolk and Sudbury - 12+	36,000.00
CG882 - South Suffolk and Sudbury Community Development	96,250.00
CG900 - Lowestoft & Waveney - 0-11	148,740.00
CG901 - Lowestoft & Waveney - 12+	91,860.00
CG902 - Lowestoft & Waveney Community Development	66,400.00
CG920 - West - 0-11	150,050.00
CG921 - West - 12+	75,000.00
CG922 - West Community Development	97,000.00
CG940 - Central - 0-11	60,000.00
CG941 - Central - 12+	30,000.00
CG942 - Central Community Development	99,610.00
CK771 - Looked After Children service	376,044.00
CK772 - Looked After Childrens Service (North)	9,910.00
CK773 - Looked After Childrens Service (South)	14,010.00
CK774 - Looked After Childrens Service (West)	9,910.00
CC558 - Additional CAMHS Support	170,100.00
DF022 - School Admissions / Supply of	93,490.00
DF023 - Schools in Suffolk Booklet	34,070.00
DF024 - Schools Forum	11,550.00
DF042 - Schools Redundancy and Premature Retirement	1,019,500.00
DF045 - Growth & Low Level Basic Need	1,280,800.00
DF051 - Copyright Licences / Subscriptions	290,000.00
DF052 - Primary Landlord Responsibilities	646,240.00
DF053 - Legal Costs	84,186.00
DF054 - Occupational Health	170,000.00
DF055 - Supply Cover	60,566.26
DM002 - Safeguarding Children Board	26,900.00
DR370 - County YSS	147,038.00
DY002 - Admissions Appeal Panel	15,000.00
GC702 - Music	293,090.00
GC731 - LIS Staffing (Purple)	294,300.00
GC732 - LIS Staffing (Blue)	385,470.00
GC750 - Schools Risk Fund	897,481.85
GC756 - Advanced Skills Teachers	778,290.00
GC761 - Behaviour Interventions	30,000.00
GC836 - EMEA	116,850.06
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