



5. Schools Funding Formula – De-Delegations and Education Functions 2025-26

Report to:	Schools Forum
Date of Meeting(s):	16 January 2025
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Summary:	To update schools forum with the revised de-delegation and education values for 2025-26
Recommendation(s):	To note the updated values for de-delegated services in 2025-2026
Implications: What are the financial implications? What are the staffing implications?	Contained within the report. There are no currently identified staffing implications as a result of this report.
Risks	Contained within the report.

Please list any appendices:

Appendix 1 Comparison of updated De-delegation and Education Functions
2024-25 & 2025-26

Appendix 2 Final school De-delegation and Education Function values

1. Introduction

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of schools forum to approve the de-delegated services and associated values proposed by the Local Authority each year.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to update Schools Forum with the final de-delegation deductions in respect of the financial year 2025/26.

2. De-delegations 2025/26

- 2.1 De-delegation is not an option for academies, special schools and nurseries. The presumption is that the local authority will offer the service on a buy back basis. De-delegation only applies to mainstream maintained schools.
- 2.2 The agreed increase of 2.39% to the value of most of the de-delegations, was applied to all but the contingencies as in previous years. The table below shows the estimated de-delegation values based on the pupil numbers in 2024/25 and the final de-delegations based on the 2025/26 pupil numbers. The contingency value has been adjusted to the previously agreed figure of £300,000. Due to the fall in pupil numbers the de-delegations and education functions will be £7,748 less than predicted.

De-Delegated Service	Estimated 2025/26 (£)	Final 2025/26 (£)
Contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)	299,479	300,026
Staff Costs - Trade Union Public Duties	310,729	309,724
Support to underperforming ethnic groups & bilingual learners	512,003	510,347
Targeted Education Support Staff (TESS) – <u>Primary Only</u>	733,029	729,648
TESS - Secondary Only	107,984	107,903
School Improvement	147,460	146,982
Education Functions (Formerly ESG funded)	524,469	522,773
Total	2,635,153	2,627,405

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 Schools forum members of maintained schools are requested to note the final changes to the de-delegation values for 2025/26.