

SCHOOLS FORUM

**2017/18 De-delegated and centrally retained budgets  
July 2017**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

This report is to clarify the budget relating to de-delegated funds and the centrally retained budget and also the proposed use of the contingency funding. This supports the January 2017 Schools' Forum report provided for approval.

**2 Suggested Actions**

The Forum is asked to note the contents of this report.

**3 Background**

This is to confirm the funds held centrally from the school block for council services to support our maintained schools and academies. Centrally retained funds support both maintained schools and Academies, de-delegated funds support maintained schools only.

**4 Financial Summary**

The 2017-18 **De-delegated budget** provision for this financial year is as follows:

**Table 1 – See Appendix 3A for a table of the schools that contributed.**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
Contingency (school in fin. Diff and def. of closing schools)	Insurance	Licences/subscriptions	Staff costs - supply cover	Support to underperforming EMG & bilingual learners	Behaviour support services - Primary only	TOTAL
129,510	547,472	219,773	362,038	143,245	321,000	1,723,037

**A) Contingency (school in financial difficulties and deficit of closing schools.)**

The **contingency** is to support schools in financial difficulty not of the school's own making i.e. falling rolls, exceptional circumstances and to fund closing schools that still have a deficit.

Any school that would like to access this fund will need to state the issue and will need to meet with the School's Finance Manager, so that the situation can be assessed as an exceptional case or not. An example of a special case could be a fraudulent activity in the school, which the school are pursuing in legal procedure that has resulted in a loss of funding, and this was not due to negligence within the school.

Any decision will need the agreement of the Director of People Services and will be communicated to the Schools' Forum. This will be a standing item at all Schools' Forum meetings.

Schools that are struggling to manage their budget need to contact School Finance for support and to apply for a licence deficit if applicable.

**B&C) Insurance and Licences\Subscriptions**

As per last year.

**D) Staff costs – supply cover**

To support Trade union staff cover, maternity & paternity cover plus public duties i.e. jury service.

**E&F) Support for underperforming and Behaviour support services**

To support EMG in all schools and behavioural support in primary schools only.

**5 The Centrally retained table to confirm the amount agreed at school forum**

**Table 2 – School Block Centrally Retained**

Description	Amount
Growth fund	1,300,000
ESG grant now in DSG allocation	373,000
SF costs	4,000
Schools Admissions services	304,000
Support costs	265,000
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>2,246,000</b>

**Table 3 – Early Years Block Centrally Retained**

Description	Amount
To support the delivery of the new Early Year structure including the administration of the 30 hours and internal recharges for early years services.	370,000

The maximum amount that the Local Authority (LA) can “topslice” from the school budget for this financial year was 7%. WBC has permission from the school forum to retain 5%, however WBC retained 4.09% from the 3 to 4 year olds allocation and retain nothing from 2 year olds allocation.

## 6 Conclusion

This is to confirm the funds held by the LA from the school block budget as agreed in the January 2017 Schools’ Forum meeting . The LA will provide an update forecast on all the items above which should assist Schools’ Forum in making decision on de-delegated items and centrally retained funding for 2018-19.

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