

TITLE	De-delegated Item Explanation
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Schools Forum on 21 February 2018
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR	Interim Director of People Services - Paul Senior

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

Schools Forum are asked to note and give a view on the report content.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Schools Forum has requested some more information for on the how the council use the funds de-delegation from the Maintained schools

An information paper to provide schools forum members with more clarity on the services that they are being asked to contribute too.

2018/19 De-delegated Budget February 2018

.01 Purpose of the Report

This report is to provide Forum with further information on how the Council uses de-delegated funding. The report also includes a breakdown of the school admission service.

.02 Suggested Actions

The Schools Forum is asked to give a view on the proposal.

.03 Background

De-delegated services are for maintained schools only; funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but can be passed back, or 'de-delegated', for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with Schools' Forum approval.

.04 Financial Summary

The de-delegated budget provision for 2018-19 financial year additional information requested is as follows:

Staff costs supply cover (for example, maternity, trade union and public duties) – Contribution £313,302.

This funding is for the following:

1) Maternity Leave

Description	Funding
Teaching Staff	
6 weeks pay	Full pay
33 week maternity pay	Approx. £140 per week
12 weeks Occupational pay	Half pay
Support staff	

6 weeks pay	90% Full pay
13 weeks maternity pay	Approx. £140 per week
12 weeks Occupational pay	Half pay

- 2) Paternity Leave – 2 week full pay.
- 3) Trade union cover – One full time post funding to support schools that need to cover trade union duties.
- 4) Public duties – supply cover for Jury service.

These costs for maintained schools are charged directly to the council rather than the school. This sometimes means that the council does not get alerted to Teacher or Support staff that have taken the occupational pay but do not return to work. The council can recoup those cost back from these staff so would need schools to let the council know. This message will be put on the schools help website.

Licences and Subscriptions: Please see below Extract from the December 2017 DSG technical Guidance - Contribution £68,000.

Capita ONE Module name	Service Provided	Cost
Attendance	Attendance monitoring and analysis – data supplied by schools through SIMS	£3,299
Exclusions	Exclusions monitoring and analysis – data supplied by schools through SIMS	£2,799
Bases	Core info about school sites needed to support the other modules	£3,462
B2B Student	Manages the transfer of student and attendance data from SIMS to ONE	£10,157
Governors	Supports schools with Governors administration	£2,650
System & Capita tech support	Fixed costs for technical licenses and customised support (e.g. for upgrades, service packs, bug fixes)	£43,175
TOTAL		£65,542

There is a small surplus which has been allocated against the 2 recent conversion to academies on 1st February which will receive a refund for their de-delegated items.

Insurance. Budget for maintained school only. Academies have indemnity rather than insurance which is underwritten by the taxpayer. The DfE doesn't allow Maintained Schools to be part of that scheme, therefore the council has to go out into the general market to private companies for its insurance cover. – Contribution £473,774. Please see Appendix A.

.05 Conclusions

The de-delegated services support maintained schools, some services are mandatory such as Licences and Insurance.

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February 2018

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February 2018

Background

Included in the report

Analysis of Issues

Included in the report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)			
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including properties and priorities?)

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

List of Background Papers

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