

London Borough of Enfield

Schools Forum
Education Resources Group

Meeting Date 6 July 2022
Meeting Date 21 June 2022

Subject: De-Delegated Services for Maintained Schools (2022/23)
Cabinet Member: Cllr Abdul Abdullahi
Report Number: 4 **Item Number: 5d**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provides an update on:
 - The central services where funding was de-delegated for 2022/23 as agreed by the maintained schools representatives on the Forum;
 - The central services available for de-delegation for 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The maintained schools' representatives on the Schools Forum are asked to note and comment.

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

3. The regulations enable local authorities to seek approval for money to be de-delegated from maintained schools to provide general duties that were previously funded from the Education Support Grant. The approval for de-delegation is required on an annual basis. De-delegated funds are a deduction from maintained schools' budget shares, after calculation of Schools Block allocations. It should be noted that academies are not included in this process and may buy back these services from the Local Authority from their allocated budget share.

CURRENT POSITION

4. The process for this financial year (2022/23) began at this time last year and included meeting sector representatives and discussions with the Education Resources Group and the Schools Forum. The services for de-delegation which were agreed by the two sectors were as follows:

Service	Primary	Secondary
Licenses & Subs – CLEAPPS	Yes	Yes
General Data Protection Regulation	Yes	Yes
Free School Meals Eligibility	Yes	Yes
Union Duties	Yes	Yes
Long Service Awards	Yes	Yes
NQT Recruitment Support & Applicant Tracking System	No	Yes
School Improvement Service	No	Yes
Support for Schools in Difficulties	No	Yes

Updates from Services 2022/23

(a) Union duties:

In line with the conditions agreed as part of the de-delegation process, there is an SLA as agreed between Union representatives and headteachers available.

(b) Data Protection Service (UK GDPR/DPA 2018) (General Data Protection Regulation) :

The Forum is advised that the Data Protection Officer (DPO) is well established in the Council and has been joined by a Data Protection Advisor. The team brings extensive school experience and knowledge. The DPO will continue to:

- inform and advise schools and its staff about its obligations to comply with the UK GDPR and other data protection laws
- monitor compliance with the UK GDPR and other data protection laws, and with the schools data protection policies. This includes:
 - raising awareness of data protection issues
 - training staff
 - advise on, and to monitor data protection impact assessments
 - be the first point of contact for the ICO and for individuals whose data is processed (staff, parents, children etc).

(c) Long Service Awards:

Similar to previous years, the awards are issued during the financial year after the member of staff has achieved 25 years of service. As school staff are deemed to be Council employees and provide parity with staff working for the Council, it was agreed funding be de-delegate to cover the cost of the award for eligible employees. The amount of de-delegation would be based on the estimated number of eligible staff, which would be in total between £2.5 - £3.5k.

FOR CONSIDERATION FOR 2023/24

5. The services available for de-delegation are listed below and this information was shared with Education Resources Group. The amounts listed relate to the funding de-delegated this year.

Table 2: De-delegated Services

Areas of Funding	2022/23 De-delegated Budget
	£
Licenses & Subs – CLEAPPS	3,904
Free School Meals Eligibility	34,995
Union Duties	77,113
School Improvement Service	98,851
Support for Schools in Difficulties	35,682
General Data Protection Regulation	75,649
Long Service Awards	2,302
Total	328,496

CONCLUSION

6. The Education Resources Group was advised of the timeline for approving de-delegated services for 2023/24. The timeline requires initial views of the Group early part of the Autumn term with final approval by the maintained schools representatives on the Forum at the December meeting of the Forum.

The sector representatives are asked to share this information with their sector and seek their views on de-delegation.