

Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: [Schools Forum](#)

Subject: **De-delegated Budgets 2022/23 – Final**

Report of: **Head of Finance – Children’s, Schools and Schools**

Summary

The purpose of the report is to seek permissions from maintained School Forum representatives on the de-delegation for 2022/23, which enables some services to maintained schools to be provided centrally, and the funding to do so is retained by the local authority (LA). If de-delegation stops, then the centrally retained funding would be delegated in the main school budget and the local authority would either stop providing or would charge for the service. The “de-delegation” approach means that the deductions occur after the formula has been applied and individual schools can see the cost of each element in their budget share.

The [De-Delegation 2022/23 report \(agenda item 4\)](#) was presented to School Forum 15 November 2021, seeking permissions from maintained School Forum representatives on the deduction for the de-delegation of: education services grant duties, trade union and on-line free school meals software, as November’s School forum was not quorum this was not permitted. This report includes an update on the delegation rates based on October 2021 census data and now seeks the permission from maintained School Forum representatives for the de-delegation for 2022/23.

The November [De-Delegation 2022/23 report \(agenda item 4\)](#) highlighted the potential that a further proposal for de-delegation 2022/23, following Department of Education (DfE) consultation in October 2021: [How LA School Improvement Functions are funded](#), which requested views on the removal of the School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant (SIMBG) and to allow local authorities to fund via the de-delegation process. Outcome of this consultation is expected spring 2022. The Council do not seek any de-delegation 2022/23 for school improvement services

Recommendations

In accordance with Schools Forum powers, maintained schools’ representatives are asked to approve de-delegation for the following:

- Trade Union Duties: £200k which at current pupil levels equates to £5.39 per school aged pupil
- Education Services Grant General Duties: £500k which at current pupil levels equates to £13.67 per school aged pupil.
- On-line free school meal (FSM) checking software: £55.3k which at current pupil levels equates to £1.46 per school aged pupil.

Maintained schools' representatives are asked to note the following:

- There is no request for de-delegation 2022/23 following the DfE consultation on phasing out the School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant (SIMBG)

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

Supporting Reports:

15 November 2021	Schools Forum – De-delegation 2022/23
20 September 2021	Schools Forum - National Funding Formula (NFF) Consultation