

# Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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**Subject:** Proposed Process for Decisions on De-Delegation of Funding

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**Purpose of the report:** Per the School Funding Reform – Arrangement for 2013/14

http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/financialmanagement/schoolsrevenuefunding/a00205567/sch

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maintained schools will have to vote through Schools Forum on whether to commission services themselves or de-delegate the funds back to the local authority to continue to supply. This

report proposes a process to make that decision.

**Recommendation:** See final section of report

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Department for Education ("DfE") states, "...our intention to achieve maximum delegation, meaning that only in exceptional circumstances will funding from the Schools Block be held by the local authority for the provision of central education services."
- 1.2 The direction that the DfE is taking will result in Schools Forums having to make decisions. It is one of the more complex votes and in brief the members of Schools Forum who can vote are:

Organisations impacted	Members able to vote
Academies	No vote required as these funds already
	make up academies budgets
Maintained primaries	The representatives of primary schools
Maintained secondaries	The representatives of secondary schools

1.3 This report outlines the suggested process where members can understand who can vote, understand what services are available, understand by a process where members can determine how to consult and then finally when a vote will take place.

## 2. Services Impacted

2.1 Below is a list of services impacted:

Name of Service	Total value for	Brief description of	Other Comments	
	maintained	what funds are used for		
	schools.			
Free School Meal	95,588	This funding supports the		
eligibility		team		
Insurance	542,857	This covers engineering (lifts and boilers), property fire, public liability (inc officials indemnity), employers liability and terrorism	The cost of insurance for 2013/14 is expected to be below c£300k so schools will see extra funds in 13/14 regardless	Comment [c1]: Add comma after property
License Subscriptions	56,859	This figure is net as it is		Comment [c2]: Is it licence?
		offset by some income. These licenses are performance and copyright based licenses		Comment [c3]: Licence?
Maternity Cover for teachers	113,134	These funds cover the costs of teachers on maternity leave		Comment [c4]: Is it maternity and paternity?
Trade Union Support	214,277	This funding pays for the salaries of teachers seconded into union roles.		Comment [c5]: Is t just salaries or any support costs too?
Behaviour Support Services	Approx 917,737		These services are part of the Serco contract and further research is being undertaken to understand the costs and level of service	
Library Services and Museum Services	359,342	Library and Museum services provided to schools		
Total	2,299,794			

2.2 **Appendix 1** gives an **approximate** value that each school would receive. This funding can then either be spent or, should the maintained schools in a phase

collectively agree, be de-delegated back to the council to provide the service. This assumes all funds are on a per pupil basis and is for **indicative** information only.

# 3. Proposed Process and Timetable

3.1 **Table 1** shows a proposed timetable:

Table 1

Decision	Decision Makers/Action	Timing
Schools Forum members who can vote agree the process for how a decision can be made	Schools Forum	25 September
Walsall Council produce a pack of information to distribute to schools	Walsall Council officers	Information ready for despatch no later than 9 October 2012
Representatives from the primary and secondary sectors consider how they would like to make this decision and how they will consult with appropriate people	Schools Forum members	The feedback would be needed asap. This would allow planning for events as needed
Events/meetings take place	As required	As required
Appropriate Schools Forum members vote to make decision	Appropriate Schools forum members	6 November or 4 December 2012

- 3.2 Clearly it is for members to decide how they will consult before reaching a decision. A potential suggestion is that Schools Forum nominate a governor and headteacher from both the primary and secondary sectors to lead on consultation. This will allow clear communication on this important task.
- 3.3 With the two sectors having different characteristics, then a different approach may be required. With 4 maintained secondaries and c75 maintained primaries the decision process may well be different.
- 3.4 It must also be noted that Schools Forum will need to be quorate to make the decision. It would therefore be advisable to use other forums for the bulk of discussions such as cluster meetings and Primary Forum.

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Schools Forum note the report
- 4.2 Schools Forum nominate both a governor and headteacher from the maintained primary and maintained secondary sector to lead on this process and ensure that adequate consultation takes place.
- 4.3 Schools Forum endorse the proposed timetable and decide at which meeting they would like to make a final decision

 Appendix 1
 79,001
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Prim / Sec	School	Pupils	Free school Meal eligibility £	Revised Insurance £	Licenses and Subscriptions £	Maternity Cover	Trade Union Support	Estimated Behaviour Support Services	Schools Library & Museum Service	Total
Primary	Abbey Primary	160	615	1,414	366	728	1,379	5,905	2,312	12,718
Primary	Alumwell Infant	263	1,011	2,324	601	1,197	2,266	9,706	3,800	20,906
Primary	Alumwell Junior	347	1,334	3,067	793	1,579	2,990	12,806	5,014	27,583
Primary	Barcroft Primary	353	1,357	3,120	807	1,606	3,042	13,028	5,101	28,060
Primary	Beacon Primary	246	946	2,174	562	1,119	2,120	9,079	3,555	19,555
Primary	Bentley Drive JMI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	Bentley West Primary	413	1,588	3,650	944	1,879	3,559	15,242	5,968	32,829
Primary	Birchills CE Primary	310	1,192	2,740	709	1,410	2,671	11,441	4,480	24,642
Primary	Blackwood Primary	579	2,226	5,117	1,324	2,634	4,989	21,368	8,367	46,025
Primary	Blakenall Heath Junior	184	707	1,626	421	837	1,586	6,791	2,659	14,626
Primary	Bloxwich CE JMI	297	1,142	2,625	679	1,351	2,559	10,961	4,292	23,609
Primary	Blue Coat CE Infant	264	1,015	2,333	604	1,201	2,275	9,743	3,815	20,985
Primary	Blue Coat CE Junior	342	1,315	3,022	782	1,556	2,947	12,622	4,942	27,186
Primary	Brownhills West Primary	135	519	1,193	309	614	1,163	4,982	1,951	10,731
Primary	Busill Jones Primary	223	857	1,971	510	1,015	1,922	8,230	3,222	17,726
Primary	Butts Primary	210	807	1,856	480	955	1,810	7,750	3,035	16,693
Primary	Caldmore Primary	206	792	1,820	471	937	1,775	7,603	2,977	16,375
Primary	Castlefort JMI	184	707	1,626	421	837	1,586	6,791	2,659	14,626
Primary	Christ Church CE	201	773	1,776	460	914	1,732	7,418	2,905	15,978
Primary	Chuckery Primary	384	1,476	3,393	878	1,747	3,309	14,172	5,549	30,524
Primary	Cooper & Jordan CE Primary	432	1,661	3,818	988	1,965	3,722	15,943	6,243	34,340
Primary	County Bridge Primary	168	646	1,485	384	764	1,448	6,200	2,428	13,354
Primary	Croft Community Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	Delves Infant	269	1,034	2,377	615	1,224	2,318	9,928	3,887	21,383
Primary	Delves Junior	358	1,376	3,164	819	1,629	3,085	13,212	5,173	28,458
Primary	Edgar Stammers Primary	303	1,165	2,678	693	1,379	2,611	11,182	4,379	24,086
Primary	Elmore Green Primary	302	1,161	2,669	691	1,374	2,602	11,146	4,364	24,006
Primary	Fibbersley Park Primary	395	1,518	3,491	903	1,797	3,404	14,578	5,708	31,399
Primary	Green Rock Primary	194	746	1,714	444	883	1,672	7,160	2,803	15,421
Primary	Greenfield Primary	186	715	1,644	425	846	1,603	6,864	2,688	14,785
Primary	Harden Primary	225	865	1,988	514	1,024	1,939	8,304	3,251	17,885
Primary	Hillary Primary	438	1,684	3,871	1,001	1,993	3,774	16,165	6,329	34,817
Primary	Holy Trinity CE Primary	206	792	1,820	471	937	1,775	7,603	2,977	16,375
Primary	King Charles Primary	200	769	1,767	457	910	1,723	7,381	2,890	15,898
Primary	King's Hill Primary	252	969	2,227	576	1,146	2,171	9,300	3,642	20,032
Primary	Leamore Primary	204	784	1,803	466	928	1,758	7,529	2,948	16,216
Primary	Leighswood	506	1,945	4,472	1,157	2,302	4,360	18,674	7,312	40,222
Primary	Lindens Primary	321	1,234	2,837	734	1,460	2,766	11,847	4,639	25,516
Primary	Little Bloxwich CE Primary	198	761	1,750	453	901	1,706	7,307	2,861	15,739
Primary	Lodge Farm JMI	275	1,057	2,430	629	1,251	2,370	10,149	3,974	21,860
Primary	Lower Farm Primary	382	1,468	3,376	873	1,738	3,292	14,098	5,520	30,365
Primary	Manor Primary	274	1,053	2,421	627	1,247	2,361	10,112	3,959	21,780

Prim / Sec	School	Pupils	Free school Meal eligibility £	Revised Insurance £	Licenses and Subscriptions £	Maternity Cover	Trade Union Support	Estimated Behaviour Support Services	Schools Library & Museum Service	Total
Primary	Meadow View JMI	234	899	2,068	535	1,065	2,016	8,636	3,381	18,601
Primary	Millfield Primary	161	619	1,423	368	732	1,387	5,942	2,327	12,798
Primary	Moorcroft Wood Primary	206	792	1,820	471	937	1,775	7,603	2,977	16,375
Primary	Mossley Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	New Invention Infant	265	1,019	2,342	606	1,206	2,283	9,780	3,829	21,065
Primary	New Invention Junior	324	1,245	2,863	741	1,474	2,792	11,957	4,682	25,755
Primary	North Walsall Primary	190	730	1,679	434	864	1,637	7,012	2,746	15,103
Primary	Old Church CE Primary	302	1,161	2,669	691	1,374	2,602	11,146	4,364	24,006
Primary	Palfrey Infant	263	1,011	2,324	601	1,197	2,266	9,706	3,800	20,906
Primary	Palfrey Junior	351	1,349	3,102	803	1,597	3,025	12,954	5,072	27,901
Primary	Pelsall Village	230	884	2,033	526	1,046	1,982	8,488	3,324	18,283
Primary	Pheasey Park Farm Primary	612	2,352	5,408	1,399	2,784	5,274	22,586	8,844	48,648
Primary	Pinfold Street JMI	374	1,438	3,305	855	1,702	3,223	13,803	5,404	29,729
Primary	Pool Hayes Primary	206	792	1,820	471	937	1,775	7,603	2,977	16,375
Primary	Radleys Primary	189	727	1,670	432	860	1,629	6,975	2,731	15,024
Primary	Rosedale CE Infant	173	665	1,529	396	787	1,491	6,385	2,500	13,752
Primary	Rough Hay Primary	283	1,088	2,501	647	1,288	2,439	10,444	4,089	22,496
Primary	Rushall JMI	205	788	1,812	469	933	1,766	7,566	2,962	16,296
Primary	Salisbury Primary	236	907	2,086	540	1,074	2,034	8,710	3,410	18,760
Primary	Short Heath Junior	230	884	2,033	526	1,046	1,982	8,488	3,324	18,283
Primary	St Anne's Catholic Primary	209	803	1,847	478	951	1,801	7,713	3,020	16,613
Primary	St Bernadette's Catholic Primary	154	592	1,361	352	701	1,327	5,683	2,225	12,242
Primary	St Francis Catholic Primary	195	750	1,723	446	887	1,680	7,197	2,818	15,501
Primary	St Giles CE Primary	282	1,084	2,492	645	1,283	2,430	10,407	4,075	22,416
Primary	St James Primary	173	665	1,529	396	787	1,491	6,385	2,500	13,752
Primary	St John's CE Primary	320	1,230	2,828	732	1,456	2,757	11,810	4,624	25,437
Primary	St Joseph's Catholic Primary	207	796	1,829	473	942	1,784	7,639	2,991	16,454
Primary	St Mary of the Angels Catholic	201	773	1,776	460	914	1,732	7,418	2,905	15,978
Primary	St Mary's the Mount Catholic	211	811	1,865	482	960	1,818	7,787	3,049	16,772
Primary	St Michael's CE Primary	314	1,207	2,775	718	1,429	2,706	11,588	4,537	24,960
Primary	St Patrick's Catholic Primary	198	761	1,750	453	901	1,706	7,307	2,861	15,739
Primary	St Peter's Catholic Primary	181	696	1,600	414	823	1,560	6,680	2,616	14,388
Primary	St Thomas of Canterbury RC	183	703	1,617	418	833	1,577	6,754	2,644	14,547
Primary	Sunshine Infant and Nursery	167	642	1,476	382	760	1,439	6,163	2,413	13,275
Primary	Walsall Wood	201	773	1,776	460	914	1,732	7,418	2,905	15,978
Primary	Watling Street JMI	194	746	1,714	444	883	1,672	7,160	2,803	15,421
Primary	Whetstone Field Primary	206	792	1,820	471	937	1,775	7,603	2,977	16,375
Primary	Whitehall Junior Community	287	1,103	2,536	656	1,306	2,473	10,592	4,147	22,814
Primary	Whitehall Nursery and Infant	246	946	2,174	562	1,119	2,120	9,079	3,555	19,555
Primary	Woodlands Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	Park Hall Infant Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	Park Hall Junior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	Ryders Hayes Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary	The Mirus Primary numbers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Alumwell Business & Enterprise College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Secondary	Blue Coat CE Performing Arts Specialist College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Brownhills School	614	2,702	20,457	1,607	3,198	6,057	25,943	10,158	70,124
Secondary	Pool Hayes Community	1,048	4,612	34,917	2,743	5,459	10,339	44,281	17,338	119,690
Secondary	St Francis of Assisi Catholic	908	3,996	30,253	2,377	4,730	8,958	38,366	15,022	103,701
Secondary	St Thomas More Catholic Business & Enterprise College	1,199	5,277	39,948	3,139	6,245	11,829	50,661	19,836	136,935
Secondary	Aldridge School - a Science School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Barr Beacon Language College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Grace Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Joseph Leckie Community Technology College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Queen Mary's Grammar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Queen Mary's High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Shelfield Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Shire Oak - A Science College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Streetly - Specialist Sports College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	The Mirus - secondary numbers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary	Willenhall School Sports College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Primary	20,552	95,588	307,198	56,859	113,134	214,277	917,737	359,342	2,064,134
	Secondary	3,769								