



**Walsall Council**

**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/school-funding-reform-and-arrangements-for-2013-14>  
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:

<b>Organisations impacted</b>	<b>Members able to vote</b>
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 maintained schools.	Brief description of what funds are used for	Other Comments
Free School Meal eligibility	95,588	This funding supports the 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
License Subscriptions	56,859	This figure is net as it is offset by some income. These licenses are performance and copyright based licenses	
Maternity Cover for teachers	113,134	These funds cover the costs of teachers on maternity leave	
Trade Union Support	214,277	This funding pays for the salaries of teachers seconded into union roles.	
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,299,794</b>		

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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**

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decision Makers/Action</b>	<b>Timing</b>
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	181,623	46,992	93,502	177,094	758,485	296,987
16,587	125,575	9,867	19,632	37,183	159,252	62,355

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



