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PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **SCHOOLS' FORUM**

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **MAINTAINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS DE- DELEGATION 2016-17**

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1. Reason for report

This report provides details of a proposal to review the de-delegation of funding relating to facilities time for maintained primary schools.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Primary Maintained Representatives are asked to discuss and agree the proposal.

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Maintained schools have the option to de-delegate (ie to hand back to the LA to manage on their behalf) specific area of funding in line with the DfE regulations. The two areas that are currently de-delegated in Bromley are:

- Supply Staff Costs (which covers maternity, jury service, suspension and union/facilities time)
- Free School Meal eligibility

3.2 The JTLC (Joint Teacher Liaison Committee) has requested that the Schools Forum review the de-delegation for supply staff costs for 2016/17. At present the funding for all areas of supply costs, including maternity, jury service, suspension and facilities time are all de-delegated. In 2015/16 the total budget for all these areas is £177,000 which is calculated at £18.50 per pupil. However, of this total only around £3,000 relates to facilities time related expenditure, being around £0.31p per pupil.

3.3 The JTLC are requesting that the facilities time related expenditure should be disaggregated from the budget and that alternative arrangements would then be made for maintained primary schools to contribute to a separate “pot” along with academies. This means that the amount to be de-delegated would reduce to around £18.19 per pupil. The Schools Forum should be aware that these figures relate to 2015/16 and may be subject to change in future years depending on actual spend against these budgets.

3.4 The decision regarding de-delegation rests solely with the SF representatives for that group of schools ie maintained primary schools, although it is expected that these representatives should consult with their colleagues before any decisions are made.

3.5 At present there are no plans to change the de-delegation arrangements for the other areas however The Schools Forum should note that with the increasing number of schools converting to academy status that at some point it may no longer be financially viable to de-delegate funding in this way.