



School Funding De-delegation Arrangements 2025-26 Consultation Analysis

Report of the Head of Finance, Education & Children’s Service

1. Summary of the Report

- 1.1 This report analyses the responses to the consultation exercise carried out by Leicester City Council on the de-delegated aspect of School Funding Arrangements 2025/26. The consultation ran from Friday 4 October until Friday 1 November.
- 1.2 This report covers the responses of the maintained primary schools received during the consultation period. However, maintained secondary schools chose to meet separately after the consultation period with Anna White to feedback those responses separately to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Schools Forum determines the de-delegated items for 2025/26.

3. Report

Summary

- 3.1. The response rate to the consultation from maintained primary schools was 33% (14 out of 42 schools) (compared to 23% in the previous year). Maintained secondary schools have chosen to feedback responses separately to this report.
- 3.2. The results of the de-delegation consultation can be seen in the data below.

Table 1: Primary Summary – De-delegation continuation responses

	Yes Continue	No	Total
Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH Team) for Leicester City Primary Schools	14	0	14
Primary School Improvement	14	0	14
Assessment and Moderation	14	0	14
LA Strategic School Improvement	14	0	14
Closing the Gap	14	0	14
Whatever It Takes	14	0	14
Staff Costs for TU facility time	13	1	14

- 3.3. As a reminder, the table services listed below were the de-delegated service options in the consultation for 2025/26. The figures shown are based on the 2024/25 pupil numbers. The final total de-delegated sums will change according to the October 2024 pupil census which will be used for the 2025/26 budgets.

Table 3: 2025/26 De-delegated Service options

De-Delegation Service	Primary 2025/26		Secondary 2025/26		Total 2025/26
	Amount £000	Per Pupil £	Amount £000	Per Pupil £	Amount £000
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> SEMH service	641	35.56 37.34			641
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> Primary School Improvement	159	9.27 9.27			159
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> Assessment and Moderation	107	6.00 6.25			107
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> LA Strategic School Improvement	73	4.25 4.25	21	3.00 3.00	94
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> Closing the Gap	159	9.27 9.27			159
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> Whatever it Takes	126	7.35 7.35			126
<i>2024/25 Rate</i> Staff costs for TU facility time	77	4.26 4.49	32	4.26 4.49	109

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. This report only covers the maintained primaries. There was a relatively low return rate to the consultation although a better return rate to the previous year.

Of the fourteen primary school responses received, the de-delegation items have either unanimous or significant majority 'yes' responses. Secondary school responses will be reported separately from meetings that superseded this consultation.

If collectively schools do not de-delegate any of these strands, individually they would need to decide on their own arrangements to cover the elements of that de-delegation strand (currently paid for by all of the schools).

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