

To – Schools Forum – 19th Jan 2017

Education Services Grant

Context

The Education Services Grant (ESG) for retained duties has been transferred into the Local Authorities DSG in 17/18 for the responsibilities that the authority holds for all schools. This funding may be retained centrally from all schools with the agreement of Schools Forum.

The amount to be retained by the Local Authority will need to be agreed by the relevant maintained schools members for the schools forum (primary, secondary, special and PRU).

In addition the Local Authority is expected to set a single rate per 5 to 16 year old pupils for all mainstream maintained schools for de-delegated activities.

The Education Services Grant (ESG) gives local authorities and academy trusts money to fund their schools' services. The local authority retains elements of the Education Services Grant to fund key activities these include:-

- School Improvement
- Appointment of a Director of Children's Services
- Education welfare services (attendance and child performance and employment)
- Preparation of revenue budgets, information on income and expenditure relating to education
- Religious Education – set up a standard advisory council on religious education
- Central support services – visual and performing arts, outdoor education, pupil support
- Monitoring and implementing assessment processes

The majority of these functions remain as statutory obligations regardless of the designation of the school.

Proposal

Please see attached document

Recommendation

The Local Authority to retain the funding to provide the retained duties set out in the proposal.

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Education Services Grant (retained duties)**Transfer to DSG and additional De-delegation (general duties) for 17/18**

Responsibilities Local Authorities hold for all Schools (funding transferred into DSG from 17/18)	£
Statutory & Regulatory Duties - Director of Children's Services / Planning for the Education Service as a whole / administration of grants / formulation and review of Schools Funding Formula / authorisation & monitoring of central expenditure	81,500
Education Welfare - Functions in relation to the exclusion of pupils / School Attendance	36,000
Asset Management - Management of the LA's capital programme including preparation and review of the plan / landlord duties for all buildings owned by the LA, including those leased to academies	98,500
Standing Advisory Committees for Religious Education (SACRE)	8,000
School Improvement / Support	62,000
Total transfer from ESG to DSG in 17/18	286,000

Responsibilities Local Authorities hold for Maintained Schools ONLY (can be de-delegated in 17/18)

	£
Statutory & Regulatory Duties - Advice on best value & procurement of goods and services / monitoring of compliance with scheme for financing schools / internal audit and other tasks related to the LA's Chief Finance Officer (S151) responsibilities / Establish and maintaining computer systems and data storage.	24,200
Education Welfare - Inspection of attendance registers (covered in DSG element above)	0
Asset Management - General landlord duties to ensure school buildings have appropriate facilities for pupils & staff, reasonable weather resistance, water, light, heat ventilation, general H & S etc (covered by capital grant)	0
Central Support Services - Provision of tuition in music or other music related activities (covered by grant)	0
Monitoring of National Curriculum Assessments (covered in DSG element of School Improvement above)	0
Total potential De-delegation from Maintained Schools	24,200
Pupil numbers as at Oct 16 for Maintained Schools	3,930
Potential per pupil funding rate for De-delegation	6.16