

Delegated / De-delegated Services 2017-18

Description	Details	Primary	2016-17	Secondary	2016-17	Total
Contingencies (including support for schools in financial difficulties)	General contingency funding to meet exceptional unforeseen costs which it would be unreasonable to expect governing bodies to meet eg employment tribunal costs; or additional costs relating to re-organised or closing schools. In addition, the contingency currently funds in-year allocations to schools in respect of Newly Qualified Teachers and Managed Transfers in primary schools. Historically, a contingency for schools in financial difficulties has been held centrally which has enabled support to be provided to schools without the school having to meet additional costs from its own budget. Should schools opt to retain this element of funding in their delegated budgets, the Authority would hold no central funding to assist schools with any of the costs referred to above.	178,472	De-delegated	107,034	Delegated	285,506
Free school meals eligibility	This funding relates to the cost of assessing the eligibility of pupils to free school meals. This function is currently undertaken by the Council's Benefits Section who process applications for all pupils who attend St Helens schools. Should schools choose to retain this element of funding as part of their delegated budget share, individual schools would be responsible for implementing their own systems to assess their pupils' entitlement to free school meals.	18,071	De-delegated	7,878	De-delegated	25,949
Licences/subscriptions	This funding covers the cost of annual support and entitlement in relation to SIMS within schools. In addition the costs of licences in respect of the Performing Rights Society, Phonographic Performance Ltd and the Educational Recording Agency are met from this budget. Costs in respect of centrally managed school IT maintenance are also funded from this budget eg firewall and anti-virus management, server hardware and software maintenance. Should schools choose to retain this element of funding, individual schools would be individually responsible for these costs and arrangements.	129,649	De-delegated	13,452	De-delegated	143,101
Staff costs - supply cover	This funding relates to the administrative costs associated with the appointment of supply staff in schools. It is recommended that this funding is retained by schools within their delegated budgets as these costs will be reflected in SLA charges in relation to HR and Payroll services.	3,074	De-delegated	2,381	Delegated	5,455
Support for minority ethnic pupils and underachieving groups	The Tuition Service, which is operated by the Authority, currently provides this support to relevant pupils at all schools. Should schools choose to retain this element of funding as part of their delegated budget share, individual schools would be responsible for ensuring that appropriate support is in place for this group of pupils.	105,980	De-delegated	43,065	Delegated	149,045
Behaviour support services	This funding supports the provision of Behaviour Improvement Services to schools. The funding represents a share of the total cost of behaviour support services rather than a specifically identifiable element. Should schools choose to retain this element of funding as part of their delegated budget share, the Authority will review its current behaviour support provision with a view to achieving a corresponding level of reduction in cost. This is likely to result in a reduction in the overall level of service provision available to schools.	22,905	De-delegated	8,264	Delegated	31,169
Total		458,151		182,074		640,225