Waltham Forest

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Meeting / Date	**SCHOOLS FORUM** **15 JANUARY 2014**	Agenda Item	**4**
Report Title	**De-delegation of Trade Union Facility Time for 2014-15**		
Decision/ Discussion/ Information	For Decision		
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Appendix	Appendix A: Cost estimate and per pupil rate 2014 and De-Delegation and Academy Contribution budgets		

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks approval for the De-delegation of Trade Union Facility time for 2014-15, which was deferred until January 2014 by the 13 November 2013 Schools Forum.

1.2 For De-delegation, Schools Forum is required to vote by sector from Primary and Secondary maintained schools.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Schools Forum decides:

2.1 That voting members of Schools Forum, who are Governors and Head Teachers of <u>maintained primary schools</u> only, decide on <u>De-delegation</u> of Trade Union facility time of £59,400.

2.2 That voting members of Schools Forum, who are Governors and Head Teachers of <u>maintained secondary schools</u> only, decide on <u>De-delegation</u> of Trade Union facility time of £35,360.

3 REASON

3.1 From 2013-14, the funding arrangements for schools changed by the introduction of the funding blocks. This new funding structure required significant delegation of centrally retained expenditure.

3.2 The regulations allow only certain functions to be retained centrally. Maintained mainstream schools can opt to return ("de-delegate") some elements of central funding. These amounts are deducted from the final school budget shares after applying the Local Funding Formula. Regulations require that Schools Forum by sector must decide to de–delegate these amounts i.e. Primary and Secondary sectors. De-delegation is not an option for academies, special schools, nurseries or PRUs, however these settings may contribute by buying back any service provided by the local authority.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 De-delegation affects only maintained schools within the Schools Block and is applied to final schools budget shares after the application of the LFF.

4.3 Maintained schools will receive funding based on the Local Funding Formula. De-delegation is a deduction from their final budget shares. The Trade Union Facility Time de-delegation rate is estimated to be £3.75 per pupil in 2014-15 amounting to £94,760 (Appendix A). The comparative figure in 2013-14 was £5.06 per pupil, reflecting the higher amount of facility time planned for that year and provided in previous years.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The consultation document was issued on 9 October 2013 with a closing date of 5 November 2013.

5.2 On Trade Union Facility Time: Primary 12/14 (85.7%) did not agree; Secondary 4/6 (66.7%) did not agree. The one All Through school agreed.