ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS FORUM – 9 DECEMBER 2016

2017-2018 De-delegated services – Guidance

- Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the formula but can be passed back, or 'de-delegated', for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval. De-delegation is not an option for special schools, nursery schools and PRUs.

- Any decisions made to de-delegate in 2016 to 2017 related to that year only, so new decisions will be required for any service to be de-delegated in 2017 to 2018.

- **From 2017 to 2018**, schools forums can agree to de-delegate further funding for additional school improvement provision for maintained schools. This provision sits alongside the new school improvement grant for statutory local authority intervention functions. This grant will commence from September 2017.

Schools forum members for primary maintained schools and secondary maintained schools must decide separately for each phase whether the service should be provided centrally and the decision will apply to all maintained mainstream schools in that phase. Funding for these services will then be removed from the formula before school budgets are issued. There may be different decisions for each phase. The services which may be de-delegated are:

- additional school improvement services
- contingencies (including schools in financial difficulties and deficits of closing schools)
- behaviour support services
- support to underperforming ethnic groups and bilingual learners
- free school meals eligibility
- insurance
- museum and library services
- licences/subscriptions
- staff costs supply cover (for example, long-term sickness, maternity, trade union and public duties)

2016- 2017

- Schools in Financial Difficulty Fund (SIFD – Primary maintained only) – de-delegated budget of £75,000. (£5.09 per pupil. NOR = 14,714)