

Appendix A – Early Years Funding Formula Central Retention

The table below shows a high-level summary of the Services /resources (not exhaustive) available to all setting (Schools and PVI) that are funded via the Central retention 4% of the Early Years DSG.

The Central Retention Budget for 25/26 is estimated circa. **£1.2m**

Teams	£1.2M
<p>Back office</p> <p><i>Functions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides management, coordination and reporting of the Council's statutory duties with regards to childcare and sufficiency; • Administration/distribution of EYDSG to providers including funding allocations/headcount/census • Communication and promotion activities; • IT system development and maintenance. <p><i>Staffing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PTE – Management and operational posts <p><i>Activities;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand and supply analysis / sufficiency Reporting (stat duty) • Oversight of EY entitlement delivery / policies • Budget Management (EY DSG) • Support on sustainability / delivery of funded entitlement • Sector consultation • Internal and external reporting on delivery of Funded Entitlement • DfE contact/ liaison for EY matters • Administration all funding claims (circa 5K children) • Support and advice to all funded settings inc. Email responses, training and preparing supporting documents • Coordination and administration of SENIF application and Panel process • Management of termly payment files – entitlement and SENIF • provider and resident engagement – i.e surveys, events • Synergy License • Testing and upgrade administration for IT system • Family service Directory administration • Website maintenance • Promotional material i.e. social media/ leaflets etc. • Responding to provider queries 	c. £ 393K

<p>Quality Improvement</p> <p><i>Functions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous improvement with a focus on settings requiring improvement • Training and workforce development <p><i>staffing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PTE EY Teacher advisor (School Improvement team) • 6 PTE – Management (for QI and inclusion team) and operational posts <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and advisory visits • Targeted support visits/ intervention • Sector training / workshops i.e EYFS / Quality / safeguarding • Setting Safeguarding Audits • SENIF allocation process • Support / provide information for LADO proceedings • Provider bulletin and sector communication • Email / telephone support 	<p>c. £368K</p>
<p>Inclusion</p> <p><i>Function</i></p> <p>Provides inclusion and early intervention work with settings supporting children with SEND and/or other additional needs.</p> <p><i>Staffing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 PTE - Inclusion team • X PTE – Early Help coordinator <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting Advisory and support settings • Signposting and support to additional resources/ intervention available to meet the need of children with SEND • Setting Inclusion Audits • SENIF Panel members • Practitioner Training – SEND Support / Inclusion • Email/ telephone Support • Increased capacity for Early Help activities and FISH service delivery for families/ Schools 	<p>c. £483K</p>

