



CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM

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CENTRAL SOUTH EDUCATION CONSORTIUM GRANTS

REPORT FOR THE DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the grants to be received by the Consortium for 2014/15, for which notifications have been received, and the methods of allocation of each.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Directors to recommend the following to the Joint Committee;

- 2.1 Approve the distribution of grants as detailed in section 4 of this report.

BACKGROUND

- 2.2 As host authority Rhondda Cynon Taf will act as 'banker authority', and under the terms of the grant agreements will be responsible for accepting the terms and conditions of grant and putting in place arrangements to distribute the funding, as determined by the Joint Committee, within the Consortium.

3. METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

- 3.1 The method of apportionment of each grant will vary depending on its nature, its intended recipients, its purposes and the associated terms and conditions.
- 3.2 For each grant the following process shall be adopted:
- The Consortium shall prepare a proposed method of distribution taking into account all relevant criteria.
 - The Director of Education (or equivalent) of each authority shall approve the basis of apportionment at the Executive Board of the Central South Joint Education Service. This will ensure appropriate and effective use of grant funding to target school improvement equitably across each of the five authorities areas
 - A report detailing the basis and reasons for the method adopted shall be presented to the Joint Committee for approval.
- 3.3 This report presents details of the current 2014/15 grants to the Joint Committee.

4. 2014/15 GRANTS

Grant approval letters have been received detailing the grants coming into the Consortium. The Directors have agreed to maintain the LA disaggregation of the funding and to apply a common formula for the delegation of the LA funding to schools.

4.1 School Effectiveness Grant

4.1.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £10,073,990.

4.1.2. The School Effectiveness and Pupil Deprivation Grants are the principal means of support for the Welsh Government's three national priorities for schools:

- improving standards in literacy;
- improving standards in numeracy;
- reducing the impact of poverty on educational attainment.

Schools, local authorities and consortia should use the funding provided by the grants to improve outcomes for learners in respect of all three priorities for schools.

4.1.3. The initial allocation of funding reflects the individual local authority indicative allocation. The five Directors agreed on a common formula allocation to all schools which includes a lump sum element and the remainder delegated on pupil numbers.

4.1.4. For 2014/15 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend	171,000	1,220,175		1,391,175	375,879
Cardiff	242,400	2,650,477		2,892,877	789,017
Merthyr Tydfil	91,400	527,993		619,393	184,572
RCT	200,000	2,307,556		2,507,556	733,145
Vale of Glam.	132,106	1,184,333		1,316,439	342,636
CSC	628,362		718,188	1,346,550	0
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL	1,465,268	7,890,534	718,188	10,073,990	2,425,249

4.2 Pupil Deprivation Grant

4.2.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £21,945,709.

4.2.2. The aims of the grant are defined in paragraph 4.1.2 above.

4.2.3. The basis of allocation is to those pupils receiving free school meals entitlement and is delegated in full to schools.

4.2.4. For 2014/15 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		3,353,454		3,353,454	
Cardiff		8,220,690		8,220,690	
Merthyr Tydfil		1,550,503		1,550,503	
RCT		6,614,191		6,614,191	
Vale of Glam.		2,206,872		2,206,872	
CSC					
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL		21,945,709		21,945,709	

4.3 Looked After Children – Pupil Deprivation Grant

4.3.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £1,136,484.

4.3.2. The aims of the grant are defined in paragraph 4.1.2 above.

4.3.3. The basis of allocation is the number of pupils on the Looked After Children register in each of the LAs

4.3.4. The grant allocation to individual schools has not yet been agreed due to some complexities around how to delegate this funding to pupils who are moving continually around the system. Welsh Government is considering how best to deal with this matter.

4.3.5. For 2014/15 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		235,926		235,926	
Cardiff		311,202		311,202	
Merthyr Tydfil		111,078		111,078	
RCT		361,692		361,692	
Vale of Glam.		116,586		116,586	
CSC					
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL		1,136,484		1,136,484	

4.4 Welsh in Education Grant

4.4.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £2,128,162.

4.4.2. The main purpose of the Welsh in Education Grant is to provide support at local level for the implementation of the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Education Strategy. Regional consortia, local authorities and their schools have a key role to play in the implementation of the Strategy and the achievement of its main outcomes, being:

- more seven-year-old children being taught through the medium of Welsh
- more learners continuing to improve their Welsh language skills on transfer from primary to secondary school
- more learners aged 14-16 studying for qualifications through the medium of Welsh
- more learners aged 16-19 studying subjects through the medium of Welsh
- more learners of all ages with higher-level Welsh-language skills
- improved Welsh-medium provision for learners with additional learning needs.

4.4.3. The basis for allocation again is using the indicative allocations for each of the 5 LAs. 50% is then retained to fund the Welsh in Education Officers, 50% is delegated to schools on a lump sum/pupil number basis with some funding based on targeted support.

4.4.4. For 2014/15 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		97,637		97,637	103,007
Cardiff		217,259		217,259	252,144
Merthyr Tydfil		42,188		42,188	49,097
RCT		188,879		188,879	199,109
Vale of Glam.		96,212		96,212	98,936
CSC	1,064,080		421,906	1,485,986	
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL	1,064,080	642,175	421,905	2,128,161	702,293

4.5 Foundation Phase Grant

- 4.5.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £28,864,938.
- 4.5.2. The aim of the grant is to provide support with the implementation of the Foundation phase via a Welsh Government training programme.
- 4.5.3. Again the grant is allocated by Welsh Government on a LA basis. Allocation to schools is based on the provision of additional staff to ensure the pupil ratios meet the Welsh Government targets.
- 4.5.4. For 2014/15 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend	187,000	4,085,326		4,272,326	
Cardiff	35,000	10,054,412		10,089,412	
Merthyr Tydfil	10,500	1,855,292		1,865,792	
RCT	135,000	7,461,987		7,596,987	
Vale of Glam.	46,870	3,942,250		3,989,120	
CSC	1,051,301			1,051,301	
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL	1,465,671	27,399,267		28,864,938	

4.6 Newly Qualified Teachers ("NQT") Funding

- 4.6.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is estimated at £117,000.
- 4.6.2. To implement a support/mentoring programme to assist newly qualified teachers through the induction process.
- 4.6.3. The basis of delegation is as per General Teaching Council for Wales ("GTCW") data on where the NQT's are in the system.
- 4.6.4. The GTCW issues these grants directly to the Consortium with guidance and regulations on how the grant can be spent.

4.7 Higher Level Teaching Assistant Grant

- 4.7.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £57,210.
- 4.7.2. The purpose of the funding is to run a Higher Level Teaching Assistant scheme in partnership with the Welsh Governments Professional Programme Coordinator.
- 4.7.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.8 Improving School Attendance Grant

- 4.8.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £150,000.
- 4.8.2. The purpose of the funding is to provide activity targeted at delivering improvements in school attendance in academic year 2014/15 (up to end October 2014).
- 4.8.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.9 Physical Education and School Support Programme (PESS)

- 4.9.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £127,098.
- 4.9.2. The Physical Education and School Support Programme (PESS), led by Sports Wales and funded by Welsh Government, has the primary aim of ensuring that every child and young person is challenged and supported in P.E. and School Sport. The PESS Officers provide challenge and support to schools to drive the necessary improvements to curricular, extra curricular and community activities. This funding is for the period April – July 2014.
- 4.9.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.10 National Professional Qualifications for Headship.

- 4.10.1. The total grant funding is dependent on how many applications the Consortia receive from Headteachers applying for the qualification. The grant is paid at £1,840 per candidate.
- 4.10.2. The amount per local authority again is dependent on applications received.
- 4.10.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.11 Band 4/5 schools

- 4.11.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £130,000
- 4.11.2. The aims of the grant are to give additional financial support to the schools in categories band 4/5. £10,000 for each school.
- 4.11.3. The basis of allocation is to those schools categorised by WG as band 4/5. There are 13 in Central South Consortium.

4.12 Leading & Emerging Practitioner Schools Tranche I

- 4.12.1 The total grant in 2014/2015 is £204,000
- 4.12.2 The aims of the grant are to give financial support to a lead practitioner school to support an emerging school to improve.
- 4.12.3 The basis of allocation is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		12,000		12,000	
Cardiff		156,000		156,000	
Merthyr Tydfil					
RCT					
Vale of Glam.		36,000		36,000	
CSC					
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL		204,000		204,000	

4.13 Leading & Emerging Practitioner Schools Tranche II

4.13.1 The total grant in 2014/2015 is £108,000

4.13.2 The aims of the grant are to give financial support to a lead practitioner school to support an emerging school to improve.

4.13.3 The basis of allocation is as follows:

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total	Match Funding Require.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		36,000		36,000	
Cardiff		72,000		72,000	
Merthyr Tydfil					
RCT					
Vale of Glam.					
CSC					
To be Allocated*					
TOTAL		108,000		108,000	

4.14 Mentoring & Network Support for Headteachers.

4.14.1. The total grant funding is dependent on how many applications the Consortia receive from Headteachers. The grant is paid at £1,000 per candidate for mentoring and networking up to a maximum of 25 applicants.

4.14.2. The amount per local authority again is dependent on applications received.

4.14.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.15 Learning in Digital Wales.

4.15.1. The total grant funding for 2014/15 is £74,902.

4.15.2. The aims of the grant are to promote the use of Hwb+ as part of effective teaching and learning and to help teachers develop their own digital literacy skills.

4.15.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

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