



CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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CENTRAL SOUTH EDUCATION CONSORTIUM GRANTS

REPORT OF 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 2015/16, 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 2015/16 grants to the Joint Committee.

4. 2015/16 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 Schools Challenge Cymru.

4.1.1 The total grant in 2015/16 is £5,637,216.23

4.1.2 The aim of the grant is to enable the delivery of a support package to drive forward school improvement in Schools Challenge Cymru Pathways to Success in the CSC area.

4.1.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the 16 schools identified in the award of funding letter. (Bridgend LA 1 school, Cardiff LA 6 schools, Merthyr LA 3 schools, Vale of Glamorgan 1 school and RCT 5 schools)

4.2 PDG Partnership: The South Wales Valleys Primary School Project

4.2.1 The total grant in 2015/16 is £105,000.00

4.2.2 The aim of the grant is to enable us to develop a pilot for PDG Partnerships. Central South Consortium (CSC) and South East Education Achievement Service (EAS) will work together on delivering the South Wales Valleys Primary School Project.

4.2.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of CSC and EAS.

4.3 Mentoring & Support for New Headteachers – Revised Award of Funding

4.3.1 The total grant funding is £30,000, an increase of £5,000. The grant is paid at £1,000 per candidate for mentoring and networking, to a maximum of 30 applicants, 5 additional applicants from previously reported.

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

4.3.3 The funding will be delegated in its entirety to the appropriate schools.

4.4 Education Improvement Grant for Schools (EIGS) 2015-16 – revised grant funding (ongoing support Literacy & Numeracy).

4.4.1 The total grant in 2015/16 is £43,945,013.05, an increase of £421,291.05 for ongoing support Literacy & Numeracy.

4.4.2 The basis of allocation is as follows:

Education Improvement Grant	£
Centrally Retained Funding	115,291.05
Delegated to Schools	306,000.00
Total Grant (Including Match Funding)	421,291.05

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