



CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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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 2015/16 and 2016/17, 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 and 2016/17 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 Award of funding in relation to Schools Challenge Cymru – Central South Consortium – Revised Grant Funding – Number 2.

4.1.1 The total of this award is £14,469.00 taking the total grant for 2015/16 to £6,262,854.10.

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. In this particular case, the increase in funding relates specifically to Willows High School.
- 4.2 Award of funding in relation to Schools Challenge Cymru – Central South Consortium – Revised Grant Funding – Number 2.
 - 4.2.1 The total of this award is £48,000.00 taking the total grant for 2015/16 to £6,310,854.10
 - 4.2.2 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.
 - 4.2.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the 16 schools identified in the award of funding letter. In this particular case, the increase in funding relates specifically to School to School Support to Eastern High School from Cardiff High School.

5. 2016/17 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.

- 5.1 Award of funding in relation to Consortium support for schools in marking the Year 2 – 6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests 2016.
 - 5.1.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £5,000.00.
 - 5.1.2 The purpose of the grant is to enable us to provide support to schools in the marking of the Years 2-6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests in 2016.
 - 5.1.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five local authorities.
- 5.2 Award of funding in relation to GCSE Support Programme 2016-17.
 - 5.2.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £780,000.00.
 - 5.2.2 The aim of the grant is to support schools and teachers to prepare for delivery of the new GCSEs for first teaching in September

2016 and in September 2017. It also includes an option to support improvement of learning and teaching in English, Welsh (and Welsh second language), mathematics and science, including at primary level and at Key Stage 3.

5.2.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five local authorities.

5.3 Award of funding in relation to the delivery of the agreed programme of work under the Global Futures Plan 2016-17.

5.3.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £120,000.00.

5.3.2 The Purpose of the funding is to support us to deliver an agreed programme of work up to 31 March 2017 to further the objectives as set out under the Global Futures programme.

5.3.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five local authorities.

5.4 Award of funding in relation to the Qualification Reform Support Grant 2016-17.

5.4.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £100,000.00.

5.4.2 The purpose of the funding is to support the implementation of the reformed Welsh Baccalaureate.

5.4.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the Secondary schools within the EAS & CSC regions.

5.5 Pupil Deprivation Grant & Early Years Pupil Deprivation Grant 2016/17

5.5.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £29,490,750.00.

5.5.2 The aim of the grant is to make a lasting impact on outcomes for disadvantaged learners, to include a plan, with focused and quantifiable targets for achievements and detailed operational proposals.

5.5.3 For those pupils aged 5-15 (PLASC January 2015) the basis of allocation is £1150 per pupil receiving free school meals entitlement and delegated in full to schools and an additional

provision of £1150 per LAC pupil, distribution to be determined at a later date*. For those pupils aged 3-4 in maintained and non-maintained settings, the basis of allocation is £300 per pupil pro rata according to Welsh Government agreed formula.

For 2016/17 the proposed apportionment is as follows

	Retained (In LA's & CSC)	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Held Delegated (Targeted Support)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		4,206,650		4,206,650
Cardiff		11,112,550		11,112,550
Merthyr Tydfil		2,020,500		2,020,500
RCT		8,095,000		8,095,000
Vale of Glam.		2,753,100		2,753,100
CSC				
To be Allocated*	1,302,950			1,302,950
TOTAL	1,302,950	28,180,900		29,490,750

*Apportionment of PDG LAC is currently under discussion with Directors.

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