



AGENDA ITEM 15

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 2016/17 and 2017/18, 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 and 5 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 2016/17 and 2017/18 grants to the Joint Committee.

4. 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.

- 4.1 Award of Funding in relation to Schools Challenge Cymru – Central South Consortium – Revised Grant Funding.
- 4.1.1 The total of this grant award is £5,000 taking the total grant in 2016/17 to £3,050,405.00.
- 4.1.2 The aim of the increased funding is in respect of a Cardiff Met Revision Course and joint s2s Science work with Ebbw Fawr and Afon Taf including primary cluster work.
- 4.1.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage on behalf of Pen-y-Dre High in Merthyr.

5. 2017/18 GRANTS

5.1 Award of Funding in relation to Consortium support for schools in marking the Year 2 – 6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests 2017.

5.1.1 The total grant in 2017/18 is £5,000.00.

5.1.2 The aim of the funding is to enable the Consortium to provide support to schools in the marking of the Years 2-6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests in 2017.

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

5.2 Award of funding in relation to the Education Improvement Grant for Schools (EIG)

5.2.1 The total of this grant in 2017/18 is £41,911,952. £41,210,496 is in respect of the EIG core grant and £701,456 in respect of the regional school improvement grants, which comprises £581,456 for the new GCSE Support Programme and £120,000 Global Futures.

5.2.2 The EIG Grant is the principal means of support for the Welsh Government's revised education strategy and action under its five key themes:

- Equity of opportunity and wellbeing;
- Improving educational leadership;
- Curriculum and assessment;
- Improving teaching and learning (pedagogy);
- Self improving system.

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

5.2.3 For 2017/18 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

EIG Summary	
	Budget 2017-18
Centrally Retained Salaries and Support	2,184,010
Funding for Vulnerable Schools *	310,000
SIGS *	692,226
Specific School Initiatives *	955,937
LA Delegated *	5,124,982
School Delegated *	35,004,922
GCSE Support Program	581,456
Global Futures (MFL)	120,000
Total Spend	44,973,534
TOTAL GRANT	41,911,952
Match Funding	3,061,582
Total EIG Funding Available	44,973,534

* In total, 95.1% of EIGS core grant funding (£44,272,078 including £3,061,582 match funding) is delegated.

5.3 Award of funding in relation to Advisory team on Delivery of Foundation Phase Nursery provision for 3-4 year olds.

5.3.1 The total of this grant in 2017/18 is £3,784.

5.3.2 The purpose of the funding is to enable CSC to make available our employee Karen Phillips 1 day per week to undertake work advising the Welsh Government on issues relating to the delivery of Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) education.

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