

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 in 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 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 2017/18 grants to the Joint Committee.

4. 2017/18 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 Education Improvement Grant for Schools 2017/18 revised - grant funding award 4th July 2017.

4.1.1 The total of this award of funding is £267,277.00 taking the total grant in 2017/18 to £42,179,229.00.

4.1.2 This increased funding forms part of the regional school improvement element and is to support (i) Assessment for Learning £137,277.00, (ii) further support for Literacy and Numeracy £125,000.00 and (iii) Foundation Phase practice and training resources £5,000.00.

4.1.3 £180,831.00 is to be delegated directly to schools with the balance of £86,446.00 retained by the consortium to manage on behalf of the five local authorities.

4.2 Education Improvement Grant for Schools 2017/18 revised - grant funding award 11th July 2017.

4.2.1 The total of this award of funding is £303,687.00 taking the total grant in 2017/18 to £42,482,684.00.

4.2.2 This increased funding is for the purpose of applying a set of guiding principles, based on the learning from the Challenge (Schools Challenge Cymru), including:

- A focus on sustainable approaches towards improving leadership, teaching and learning:
- Establishing an effective Accelerated Improvement Board (or equivalent):
- A need to review each school's approach to the use of data and self evaluation for improvement purposes and
- The provision of effective support and challenge for a suitably qualified Challenge Adviser with a proven track record.

4.2.3 The funding is to be delegated to Eastern High (£80K), Michaelston Community College (£100K), Bryn Hafren School (£60K) and Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (£60K). Balance of £3,684 is to be determined.

4.3 Learning in Digital Wales Continuing Professional Development Programme Phase 2 – grant funding award 28th July 2017

4.3.1 The total of this award of funding is £450,924 over the period 1st April 2016 -31st March 2019, of which £150,462 has been awarded for the financial year 2017/18.

4.3.2 The purpose of the funding is to:

- Support practitioners in schools to develop their confidence and competence in using the range of digital resources and tools available through the LiDW programme;
- To provide capacity for expert “Digital Leader” support;
- To actively promote Digital Citizenship in relation to the safe and responsible use of the tools and resources available through LiDW and in relation to digital technology more widely;
- To support practitioners in developing their own leadership and digital literacy skills in line with the development and implementation of Digital Competency Framework and the new curriculum for Wales;
- To support the on-going development of the LiDW programme by supporting Digital Learning Units in gathering feedback from education practitioners to inform the future direction of the programme.

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

4.4 Schools Challenge Cymru – grant award 11th August 2017

- 4.4.1 The total award of funding is £78,945 over the period 1st April-30th September 2017.
- 4.4.2 The funding is an extension in respect of Criteria 1 – Recruitment of the schools Challenge Cymru Advisers, to support schools to the end of the Academic Year 2016/17. Each CA has been allocated an initial 6 days for the period.
- 4.4.3 Funding has been equally apportioned to schools by Welsh Government across the SCC schools within the region as detailed below;

Local Authority	£
Cardiff CBC	26,315
Bridgend CBC	5,263
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	26,315
Merthyr CBC	15,789
Vale Of Glamorgan CBC	5,263

4.5 Programme to support children and young people’s informal use of Welsh – grant award 11th July 2017

- 4.5.1 The total award of funding is £77,800 over the period 1st April 2017 – 30th August 2018.
- 4.5.2 The funding has been awarded enable CSC to deliver two elements of the national framework, namely the Welsh Language Charter within Welsh-medium primary schools and the project to support language use of secondary pupils during the 2017/18 academic year. The funding is part of a national three year programme, which is funded through regional consortia, to increase the use of informal Welsh amongst children and young people.
- 4.5.3 The funding is to be retained by the consortium to manage the programmes on behalf of the five local authorities.

4.6 Pupil Development Grant – grant award of funding 11th August 2017.

4.6.1 The total award of funding is £30,467,400 for the 2017/18 financial year.

4.6.2 The funding has been awarded to support:

- Learners who are eligible for free school meals (PLASC January 2016) and who are educated in maintained schools
- Eligible learners who are singly-registered in pupil referral units (PRU's) and education other than at school (EOTAS)
- Eligible learners in early years settings where the Foundation Phase is delivered
- Looked after children (LAC), and former LAC who have been adopted from care or who are subject to a special guardianship or residence order aged 3-15

4.6.3 The funding is weighted according to category and age of pupils and is tabled below:-

	Level of funding per pupil £
PDG Pupils aged 5-15	1,150
EYPDG Pupils aged 3-4	600
EOTAS Pupils aged 5-15	1,150
EOTAS Pupils aged 3-4 to include Non maintained settings	600
PDG LAC Pupils aged 3-15	1,150

4.6.4 The apportionment of the grant across the region is tabled below:-

	PDG LAC	Delegated Directly to Schools	Centrally Retained LA Level for EOTAS and Non maintained settings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bridgend		4,174,850	6,600	4,181,450
Cardiff		11,477,600	148,900	11,626,500
Merthyr Tydfil		1,955,500	25,000	1,980,500
RCT		8,219,600	56,150	8,275,750
Vale of Glam.		2,856,700	22,750	2,879,450
CSC				
To be Allocated*	1,523,750			1,523,750
TOTAL	1,523,750	30,208,000	259,400	30,467,400

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