



**CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM
REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE**

25TH SEPTEMBER 2019

JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – 2019/20 REVENUE BUDGET

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update of the projected outturn position for 2019/20 (projected as at August 2019).
- 1.2 To provide Members with a summary of 2019/20 grant funding allocations.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the projected outturn position for 2019/20.
- 2.2 Note the current grant position for 2019/20.

3. REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20

- 3.1 A summary of the original budget, projected outturn for the full year (projected as at August 2019) and variances are presented in Table 1.

Table 1 – Projected outturn position 2019/20

Category	Original Budget 2019/20	Projected Out-turn 2019/20	Variance (Under) / Over spend
	£	£	£
Expenditure			
Gross Employees	3,116,886	3,042,261	(74,625)
Less Secondment Income	0	(35,005)	(35,005)
Net Employees	3,116,886	3,007,256	(109,630)
Premises			
Rent	220,000	181,063	(38,937)
Maintenance	0	1,181	1,181
Other	15,000	17,669	2,669
Total Premises Cost	235,000	199,913	(35,087)
Transport	35,000	32,078	(2,922)
Supplies & Services			
Continuing Professional Development / Staff Adverts	31,420	35,300	3,880
Licences / Mobile & Telephone Charges / Computer Costs – Hardware / Software	74,896	72,693	(2,203)
External Audit & Actuary Fee, Employer Liability & Public Liability Insurance	56,220	56,220	0
Photocopying / Postage / Advertising / Stationery / General Office Expenses	57,101	62,019	4,918
Induction Program – Elected Members	3,000	0	(3,000)
Communication Strategy	5,000	5,000	0
Total Supplies & Services	227,637	231,232	3,595
Support Services	120,230	111,252	(8,978)
Gross Expenditure	3,734,753	3,581,731	(153,022)
Income			
Local Authority Contributions	3,710,853	3,710,853	0
Grants & Other Income	23,900	26,244	(2,344)
Total Income	3,734,753	3,737,097	(2,344)
Net Expenditure	0	(155,366)	(155,366)

3.2 The projected outturn position (as at August 2019) is a £155k underspend and reasons for key variances are set out below:

- Employees (£110k projected underspend) – due to lower than anticipated employee costs, pending the implementation of recommendations included within the ISOS Review, and in-year staffing savings. This area will continue to be closely monitored to ensure any in-year changes in resource requirements, for example, as a result of final school categorisations, are appropriately managed.
- Premises (£35k projected underspend) – primarily due to optimising the use of accommodation at the Valleys Innovation Centre that has enabled office space to be vacated; this has resulted in lower rental costs than budgeted.
- Supplies & Services (£4k projected overspend) – due to one-off costs associated with the ISOS Review partly offset by forecasted underspends across Supplies and Services budget areas.
- Support Services (£9k projected underspend) – the projected underspend is in respect of Service Level Agreement costs with the Lead Authority being lower than budget.
- Income (projected to be £2k higher than budget) – primarily in respect of charges applied to schools for non-attendance on courses.

3.3 Members will be aware that the Central South Consortium's audited Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 included an earmark reserve of £89k to support the remodelling of the service over the medium term. To date there are no remodelling costs which require to be funded by this reserve.

4. GRANT FUNDED SERVICE 2019/20

4.1 Table 2 sets out the 2019/20 grant allocations received by the Consortium from Welsh Government as at August 2019.

Table 2 – 2019/20 grant allocations

Grant	Total Grant	Retained to Fund National Priorities	Delegated to Schools / Local Authorities
	2019/20 £	2019/20 £	2019/20 £
Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (including match funding)	44,159,037	9,591,536	34,567,501
Pupil Development Grant	31,731,650	326,770	31,404,880
Main	26,000,350	0	26,000,350
Early Years	3,621,100	0	3,621,100
Children Looked After	1,787,100	226,770	1,560,330
Education Other Than At School	223,100	0	223,100
Pupil Development Grant - Adviser	100,000	100,000	0
Total	75,890,687	9,918,306	65,972,381

4.2 With specific regard to the Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant for 2019/20, the total award of funding is £41,170,015 together with Local Authority Match Funding of £2,989,022 (equating to a total grant of £44,159,037 as set out in Table 2).

4.3 Following on, other key information in relation to the Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant is:

- Funding will support the Consortium to deliver against Welsh Government national priorities for education, at the centre of which is a transformational curriculum and a focus on four key enabling objectives (with the outcomes supported by a range of measures and key performance indicators, as outlined in the Consortium's 2019/20 Business Plan):
 - Developing and delivering a high-quality education profession;
 - Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards;
 - Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being; and
 - Robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system.

4.4 The Consortium has up dated its Grants Register to reflect the position set out in Table 2 and will continue to monitor expenditure to ensure the use and effectiveness of grants are maximised across the region.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The projected outturn position for the full year is a £155k underspend (projected as at August 2019) and the Consortium will continue to closely monitor and manage its resources and report up dates to Joint Committee throughout the year.
- 5.2 The 2019/20 Grants Register has been updated to reflect the current grant funding position.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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