



**CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM
JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE COMMITTEE**

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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 2014/15, 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 the additional 2014/15 grants to the Joint Committee.

4. 2014/15 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 PDG – Capacity Building

- 4.1.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £50,000.
- 4.1.2. The purpose of the funding is to enable you to build capacity in Consortia staff, Challenge Advisors and local authority teams to better support the spending of the Pupil Deprivation Grant.
- 4.1.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.2 Literacy & Numeracy Development for New Areas of Learning and Programmes of Study – Primary Phase.

- 4.2.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £75,000.
- 4.2.2. The purpose of this funding is to provide direct support to all schools on the implementation of the revised AOL & POS in readiness for September 2015
- 4.2.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.3 CPD for the introduction of the revised Welsh Baccaulaureate

- 4.3.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £150,000.
- 4.3.2. The purpose of the funding is to enable us to develop a support package of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in collaboration with WJEC to support practitioners prepare for the introduction of the revised Welsh Baccaulaureate in September 2015.
- 4.3.3. The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the Secondary Schools within the CSC & EAS region.

4.4 Lead & Emerging Practitioner School Special Schools Tranche I

- 4.4.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £50,000.
- 4.4.2. The aims of the grant are to give financial support to a lead practitioner school to support an emerging school to improve. The grant is awarded at £10,000 per term for the next 5 terms.
- 4.4.3. The basis of allocation is dependent on the location of the leading practitioner school. In this case Ty Gwyn Special School Cardiff.

4.5 Lead & Emerging Practitioner School ALN School Pathfinder Project

- 4.5.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £25,000
- 4.5.2. The aims of the grant are to give financial support to a lead practitioner school to support an emerging school to improve. The grant is awarded at £6,250 per term for the next 4 terms.
- 4.5.3. The basis of allocation is dependent on the location of the leading practitioner school. In this case Springwood Primary School Cardiff.

4.6 Consortia Support for Moderation of the Year 6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests.

- 4.6.1. The total grant in 2014/15 is £5,000.
- 4.6.2. The aims of the grant are to provide moderation support for Year 6 National Numerical Reasoning Tests.
- 4.6.3. The basis of allocation is the successful completion of the above.

4.7 Physical Literacy Programme for Schools 2014 / 15

- 4.7.1 The total grant in 2014/15 is £435,000
- 4.7.2 The long term aim of the programme is to improve the physical literacy of young people in Wales resulting in increased levels of participation in sport and physical recreation amongst the local population.
- 4.7.3 The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five local authorities.

4.8 CSC Regional Education Consortia Support Programmes for the new GCSE's, PISA & Science Literacy.

- 4.8.1 The total grant in 2014/15 is £1,102,200.
- 4.8.2 The aims of the grant are to make a lasting impact on the achievement levels of pupils across Wales in the new GCSEs, in the PISA tests and in the GCSE element of the new Welsh Baccalaureate.

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

4.9 Schools Challenge Cymru.

4.9.1 The total grant in 2014/15 is £5,594,415.

4.9.2 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.

4.9.3 The funding is managed by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the 16 schools identified in the award of funding letter. (Bridgend 1 School, Cardiff 6 Schools, Merthyr 3 Schools, RCT 5 Schools, Vale 1 School)

4.10 Mentoring & Network Support for Headteachers.

4.10.1 The total grant funding is dependent on how many applications the Consortia receive from Headteachers. The grant is paid at £1,000 per candidate for mentoring and networking up to a maximum of 25 applicants.

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

4.10.2 The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.11 CSC Regional Education Consortia Support Programmes for the new GCSE's, PISA & Science Literacy. – Additional funding for IRIS.

4.11.1 The total grant in 2014/15 is £44,500.00.

4.11.2 The purpose of this funding is to facilitate the capacity of teachers to enhance their skills in particular with the teaching of literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.

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

4.12 Higher Level Teaching Assistant Grant

4.12.1 The total grant in 2013/14 is £57,210.

4.12.1 The purpose of the funding is to run a Higher Level Teaching Assistant scheme in partnership with the Welsh Governments Professional Programme Coordinator.

4.12.2 The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.13 Policy Observatory Project 2013/14

4.13.1 The total grant in 2013/14 is £52,200.

4.13.2 The aim of the funding is to contribute towards the development of a robust body of evidence that can be used by schools, Consortia and Welsh Government to reduce the impact of poverty on educational achievement.

4.13.3 The funding is retained by the Consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five authorities.

4.14 CSC Regional Education Consortia Support Programmes for the new GCSE's, PISA & Science Literacy. – Additional funding for IRIS for Welsh Medium Schools.

4.14.1 The total grant in 2014/15 is £44,500.00.

4.14.2 The purpose of this funding is to facilitate the capacity of teachers to enhance their skills in particular with the teaching of literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.

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