



Agenda Item 9

**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, 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. 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 the Education Improvement Grant for Schools (EIG)

4.1.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £41,358,670.

4.1.2 The EIG Grant is the principal means of support for the Welsh Government's three national priorities for schools:

- improving standards in literacy;

- improving standards in numeracy;
- reducing the impact of poverty on educational attainment.

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

4.1.3 For 2016/17 the proposed apportionment is as follows:

EIG Summary	
	Budget 2016-17
Centrally Retained Salaries and Support	2,535,757
Funding for Specific Circumstances	1,907,139
LA Delegated	5,549,555
School Delegated	34,557,936
Total Spend	44,550,387
TOTAL GRANT	41,465,670
Match Funding	3,084,717
Total EIG Funding Available	44,550,387

4.2 Grant award to provide support to schools for the implementation of the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) for learners with special education needs in special schools and the mainstream sector.

4.2.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £25,000.00.

4.2.2 The purpose of the funding is to provide further direct support to schools for the implementation of the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) for learners with special education needs in special schools and the mainstream sector.

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

4.3 Award of funding in relation to GCSE Support Programme 2016-17 – Additional Funding.

4.3.1 This award of funding is £152,801.00 taking the total grant in 2016/17 to £932,801.00.

4.3.2 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.

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

4.4 Award of funding to support the Pioneer Schools Network and Professional Learning Design and Development 2016-17.

4.4.1 The total of this grant in 2016/17 is £1,326,720.00

4.4.2 The aim of the grant is to contribute to the work of the Pioneer Schools Network, providing expertise, organisational support and advice to Pioneer Schools and Welsh Government, relating to the new Curriculum, New Deal and Digital Competence Framework.

4.4.3 The funding is partly retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the five local authorities (£611,421) and partly delegated to schools (£715,299).

4.5 Award of funding to support the implementation of the Pioneer Schools Network 2015-16 – revised grant funding.

4.5.1 The award of funding is £369,435.00 taking the total grant in 2015/16 to £832,234.00.

4.5.2 The purpose of the grant is to contribute to the work of the Pioneer Schools Network, providing expertise, organisational support and advice to Pioneer Schools and Welsh Government, relating to the new Curriculum, New Deal and Digital Competence Framework.

4.5.3 The funding is to be delegated in its entirety to the appropriate schools.

4.6 Education Improvement Grant EIG's) 2016/17 – revised award of funding.

4.6.1 The award of funding is £100,000 taking the total grant in 2016/17 to £44,543,387.00.

4.6.2 The purpose of the grant is to further support literacy and numeracy via regional consortia, to enable consortia to further enhance their support offer in line with the following aims:

focus on the cross curricular importance of literacy and numeracy;
the development of school to school working and collaboration;
improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all learners;
working with WG to develop effective systems for assessing and reporting;
sharing regional approaches and developments across Wales.

4.6.3 The increased funding is subject to the terms and conditions provided within Schedule 1 of the original award of funding with the exception of :

Delegation to schools;
Local Authority match funding
Administration and management costs.

4.6.4 Distribution of grant to be determined.

4.7 Education Improvement Grant for Schools 2016/17 – revised award of funding to Support the Head teacher Advisory Group

4.7.1 The total additional grant funding in 2016/17 is £7,000.00.

4.7.2 The purpose of the funding is to provide participating Heads schools for costs; including lesson cover costs in the Head's absence, plus travel and subsistence over the year. The commitments form members will be up to 10 days per year. The grant per school is £1,000.

4.7.3 The schools participating are :-

Ferndale Comprehensive
Bishop Hedley High
Pen Y Graig Primary
Ysgol Gyfun Cymer
Cardiff High
Kitchener primary
Llanishen Fach primary

4.8 Learning in Digital Wales Continuing Professional Development Programme (Phase 2)

- 4.8.1 The total grant funding is £450,924.00 and covers the period April 16 to March 19.
- 4.8.2 The purpose of the funding is to support Central South Consortium to deliver a number of initiatives including 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 and to support practitioners in developing their own leadership and digital skills in line with the development and implementation of Digital Competency Framework.
- 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 2016/17 is £3,045,405
- 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 Schools in the CSC area.
- 4.9.2 Funding is split into 3 specific Priority areas :-
 - Criteria 1 – Recruitment of the Schools Challenge Cymru Advisers - £354,900
 - Criteria 2 – Building Capacity - £580,281
 - Criteria 3 – Schools Challenge Cymru Schools Support - £2,110,224
- 4.9.3 The funding is retained by the consortium to manage the programme on behalf of the 16 schools identified in the award of funding letter. (Bridgend LA 1 school, Cardiff LA 6 schools, Merthyr LA 3 schools, Vale of Glamorgan 1 school and RCT 5 schools)