



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 Pioneer Schools Network, Professional Learning & Curriculum Design and Development - grant funding award 2nd November 2017.

- 4.1.1 The total of this award of funding is £1,991,250.
- 4.1.2 The funding will enable the region to support the work of the Pioneer Schools Network, providing expertise, organisational support and advice to pioneer school and Welsh Government, relating to the development of the new Curriculum, Professional Learning and implementation of the Digital Competence Framework.
- 4.1.3 Funding is split into 4 specific priority areas, of which Criteria 1 is to be delegated to Pioneer Schools and the funding profile tabled below.

	Delegated £	Retained £	Total £	Areas of expenditure to include
Criteria 1 – Pioneer Network Funding Professional Learning	510,000		510,000	
Criteria 1 – Pioneer Network Funding Digital	90,000		90,000	
Criteria 1 – Pioneer Network Funding Curriculum	660,000		660,000	
Criteria 2 – Professional Learning and Curriculum Design development	319,000	237,250	556,250	Curriculum Hubs, Non Pioneer Cluster Model, On Line, Evaluation Project, Cardiff University Contract, Annual Survey, Research Practice Partnerships with HEI's, Regional Development
Criteria 3 – Capacity Building (Wider School Network)		150,000	150,000	
Criteria 4 – Enrichment and Experiences Event	25,000		25,000	To be delegated to schools as part of the Pioneer Cluster Model
Total	1,604,000	387,250	1,991,250	

4.2 Raising School Standards – grant funding award 13th September 2017

4.2.1 The total of this award of funding is £2,216,171. The Welsh Government has committed £100million over the current Assembly term to raise school standards, under which this regional grant is made available to the Central South Consortium.

4.2.2 The Purpose of the Funding awarded is to raise school standards, reduce inequalities and the gap in educational attainment, and improve outcomes for all learners in all settings.

The Funding supports Qualified for Life, the Welsh Government's plan of action for education in Wales, a refreshed version of which is due to be published at the start of the new academic year and is structured against the *primary* objectives which are:

- A Transformational curriculum
- Developing a high-quality education profession
- Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards

- Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being
- Robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system

4.2.3 The Funding will support the following areas in the Welsh Government's plan of action for education, Qualified for Life and for 2017/18, the provisional apportionment of funding is as follows:-

	Delegated £	Retained £	Total £	Area of expenditure to include
<u>Curriculum and Assessment</u> Including coding and digital skills and the primary LNF Oracy scheme for Wales	175,000	115,728	290,728	Curriculum Hubs, Professional Learning, Research and Evaluation, Digital Lead Schools
<u>High quality education profession</u> Including Initial Teacher Education and training, Welsh Medium and GTP, Higher Level teaching Assistants, Professional Standards, national Network for Excellence in Science and Technology (NNEST), Foundation Phase Excellence Network, Welsh language professional development of practitioners' Welsh language skills (all sectors), and digital competence professional learning offer	664,692	857,801	1,522,493	ITE & GTP Programmes linked with HEI's, Curriculum Hubs, Professional learning Hubs, Lead Practitioners, Increased provision to support Welsh, HLTA Programme
<u>Self improving system</u> Including collaborative working and federations	187,180	65,770	252,950	Federations, Community Leaders, Governor Conference, GIG's and Pathfinders
<u>Research and Evaluation</u> Including R&E Officers – capacity building linked to Higher Education Institutions		60,000	60,000	EDT Research Project – EAS Lead Region
TOTAL	1,026,872	1,099,299	2,126,171	

4.3 Raising School Standards – revised award of funding 9th November 2017

4.3.1 The revised award of funding is £236,039, taking the total award of grant funding for the financial year 2017/18 to £2,362,210.

4.3.2 The increase in funding is to (i) support Capacity Building £111,039 and (ii) develop schools as learning organisations £125,000.

4.3.3 The Funding will support the following areas in the Welsh Government's plan of action for education, Qualified for Life and for 2017/18, the provisional apportionment of funding is as follows:-

	Delegated £	Retained £	Total £	Areas of expenditure to include
Capacity Building		111,039	111,039	Regional Commitments agreed with WG to include for News Direct and Faith Schools Programme, AoLE's
Develop Schools as Learning Organisations	94,900	30,100	125,000	Federations, Community Leaders, Governor Conference, GIG's and Pathfinders
Total	94,900	141,139	236,039	

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