

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM (CSC)

REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE

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JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE

REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR – Grant Award of Funding Approval

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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to provide Members with an update with regards to the award of funding from Welsh Government for 2020/2021 financial year and the use thereof.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members;

- Consider and note the award of grant funding;
- Approve the use and distribution of grant funding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award;
- Recommend that the Lead Chief Executive and S151 Officer approves the receipt of grant funding.

3 BACKGROUND

As host authority Rhondda Cynon Taf 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.

The method of apportionment of each grant will vary depending on its nature, its intended recipients, its purposes and the associated terms and conditions.

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 Directors Group 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.

At the Joint Committee meeting on the 18th February 2014 it was agreed to devolve responsibility for the approval of grants to the Directors Group where the Joint Committee meeting cycle does not align with the grant timetables.

4. AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING

There is one award of grant funding that requires Members approval as required by the legal agreement.

This report presents details of 2020/2021 award of funding letters for:

4.1 REGIONAL CONSORTIA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The total of this variation award of funding is £220,513 over the period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021. To support the following:-

- £188,250 Accelerated Learning Program;
- £26,000 Collaborative Project to Support Newly Qualified Teachers; and
- £6,262.50 Supporting Adopted Learners.

	Delegated to schools	Retained Initially for future delegation to schools	Retained by CSC for Specific Circumstances	Central Salaries	Total	Areas to include	Provisional Apportionment
	£	£	£	£	£		
Accelerated Learning Program			30,000	158,250	£188,250	<p>CSC to host online repository for schools using a phased approach. The grant is to fund additional capacity, new and distinctive work specifically in relation to the principles of the ALP in any/all and across the middle tier organisations within the region.</p> <p>Enhance capacity to ensure coherence across the region in the delivery of the ALP. Recruit project manager to support the requirements of the grant. Commissioning Budget</p>	<p>£139,750</p> <p>£18,500</p> <p>£30,000</p>
Collaborative Project to Support Newly Qualified Teachers	18,000		8,000		£26,000	<p>Resources developed around planning, delivery, assessment and feedback.</p> <p>Guidance for NQTs, student teachers, school mentors.</p> <p>HEI resources for students.</p> <p>Summative report to WG.</p>	<p>15 schools @ £1,200 per school. school provides a Portfolio of Practice Worth Sharing and contributes to evaluation and final report = £18,000</p> <p>4 ITE providers @ £1,800 for evaluation report of portfolios, resources developed to support student teachers and contribution to summative report to WG = £7,200</p> <p>Translation Costs = £800</p>

Supporting Adopted Learners	6,262.50				£6,262.50	Membership costs for Adoption UK for one year.	10 schools to be supported with LA. This may vary dependent on take up. 50 schools @ £125.25 = £6,262.50
TOTAL	24,262.50		38,000	158,250	£220,512.50		

In addition, the 'Specific conditions of Funding for the period relating to the element which supports the Education Improvement Grant for Schools' under Schedule 1 of the Funding award now includes an addition: "support for schools and local authorities in undertaking certain elements of their statutory duties, including for 14-19 Learning Pathways where:

- You must ensure schools in your local authority meet the requirements of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 that they offer students a minimum of 25 courses, 3 of which are vocational at KS4 and at post 16 schools must offer a minimum of 30 choices of which 5 must be vocational. The vocational courses for post 16 must fall across the 3 domains, one of which must be mathematics, science and technology domain.
- You must ensure that all schools have a local curriculum offer that meets the requirements of the Learning and Skills Wales Measure by 30 April 2021 and then confirm in writing to Welsh Government no later than 31 May 2021 that all schools within your consortia have met the requirement of the measure.

Links to CSC Business Plan and Risks

- Develop a high-quality education profession;
- Develop inspirational leaders and to facilitate their working collaboratively to raise standards;
- Develop strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being.

Background papers

1. Joint Committee meeting on the 18th February 2014
2. Welsh Government Award of Grant funding letter dated 7th July 2020