

**CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM
REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE**

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JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE

**PUPIL DEVELOPMENT GRANT 2019/20 – GRANT AWARD OF FUNDING
APPROVAL**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Joint Committee with an update with regards to the award of funding from Welsh Government for 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.2 To seek Joint Committee's approval to the use thereof.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

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

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 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.

3.2 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.

4. CURRENT POSITIONS

4.1 The total award of funding for the Pupil Development Grant (previously known as the Pupil Deprivation Grant) for the financial year 2019/20 is £31,734,150.

4.2 From April 2019, the PDG has been allocated to support:-

- Learners who are eligible for free school meals (PLASC January 2016) and who are educated in maintained schools;
- Eligible learners who are singly-registered in pupil referral units (PRU's) and education other than at school (EOTAS);
- Eligible learners in early years settings where the Foundation Phase is delivered;
- Children Looked after (CLA), and former CLA who have been adopted from care or who are subject to a special guardianship or residence order aged 3-15
- Employment of PDG Strategic Adviser.
- Education Endowment Fund (EEF) Seminar

4.3 The total award of funding includes £216,200 which is an additional funding allocation made to CSC in line with the Welsh Government adopted 3 stage approach.

4.4 The funding is weighted according to category and age of pupils, details of which can be found in the table below:-

	Level of funding per pupil £
PDG Pupils aged 5-15	1,150
EYPDG Pupils aged 3-4	700
EOTAS Pupils aged 5-15	1,150
EOTAS Pupils aged 3-4 to include Non maintained settings	700
PDG CLA Pupils aged 3-15	1,150

4.5 For 2019/20 the apportionment of funding is as follows:-

	PDG CLA £	PDG Strategic Adviser £	Delegated Directly to Schools & PRUs £	Centrally Retained LA Level for EOTAS and Non maintained settings £	Total £
Bridgend	274,367		4,309,547	7,700	4,591,614
Cardiff	408,670		11,832,578	169,500	12,410,748
Merthyr Tydfil	104,288		2,003,250	7,700	2,115,238
RCT	357,893		8,509,450	57,650	8,924,993
Vale of Glam	214,192		2,923,125	24,050	3,161,367
CSC	229,270	100,000			329,270
To be Allocated	200,920				200,920
TOTAL	1,789,600	100,000	29,577,950	266,600	31,734,150

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Welsh Government have compiled the award of funding based on January 2016 PLASC. Funding for Children Looked After (CLA) is based on 2017 Wales Children Receiving Care and Support Census.
- 5.2 Additional funding has been awarded to new schools, schools with a planned increase in capacity and those schools who had a minimum of 5 eFSM learners; that were above 15% eFSM in 2018; and had an increase of at least 3 eFSM learners have been funded at a level of 50% (within the overall envelope available).
- 5.3 Subject to Joint Committee's consideration of the use and distribution of grant funding will be released to local authorities for distribution to respective schools.
