

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM GRANTS

REPORT OF 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 2022/23, for which notifications have been received, and the methods of allocation of each.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Directors recommend the following to the Joint Committee:

- 2.1 Approve the distribution of grants as detailed in section 4 of this report (and Annex A).

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 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.

4.0 METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

- 4.1 The method of apportionment of each grant will vary depending on its nature, its intended recipients, its purposes and the associated terms and conditions.
- 4.2 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 Consortium Joint Education Service. This will ensure appropriate and effective use of grant funding to target school improvement equitably across each of the five local authority areas.
 - A report detailing the basis and reasons for the method adopted shall be presented to the Joint Committee for approval.
- 4.3 This report presents details of 2022/23 grants to the Joint Committee.

5.0 2022/23 GRANTS

- 5.1 Grant approval letters have been received detailing grant levels for the Central South Consortium. The Directors have agreed to maintain the local authority dis-aggregation of the funding and to apply a common formula for the delegation of the local authority funding to schools.
- 5.2 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant – Revised Award of Grant Funding
- 5.3.1 The revised award of funding is £48,236, taking the total award of grant funding for the financial year 2022/23 to £48,890,774.
- 5.3.2 The aim of the additional funding is to further support the following:

i) National Support for Curriculum Reform - £48,236

5.3.3 Members will note that of the revised award of funding (£48,236), £44,636 is retained for future delegation to schools and £3,600 retained to specific circumstances.

5.3.4 An updated breakdown of the apportionment of the funding, in line with the approved CSC 2022/23 Business Plan, can be found in table 1 below.

Table 1 – Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2022/23

	2022/2023 Budget Reported on 13th December 2022	2022/2023 Revised Budget	
Centrally retained funding			
Employee costs	4,290,590	4,290,590	8.3%
Non Employee costs	197,011	197,011	0.4%
Centrally Retained Pan Wales project costs	60,000	60,000	0.1%
Business Plan Activity	2,165,190	2,213,426	4.3%
	6,712,791	6,761,027	13.0%
Delegated funding to LAs & Schools			
Central South Wales Challenge Model	488,100	488,100	0.9%
Collaboration Model	4,639,366	4,639,366	8.9%
Support to School Partnerships	186,000	186,000	0.4%
Curriculum Reform (Network facilitation)	52,500	52,500	0.1%
Professional Learning funding to schools	3,858,221	3,858,221	7.4%
EIG Element for Schools / PRUs	35,414,430	35,414,430	68.3%
Non Maintained settings - Foundation Phase	314,600	314,600	0.6%
Local authorities (LA) - administration of grant	67,207	67,207	0.1%
LA Annex	98,345	98,345	0.2%
	45,118,769	45,118,769	87.0%
TOTAL GRANT (INCLUDING LA MATCH FUNDING)	51,831,560	51,879,796	
LA MATCH FUNDING	2,989,022	2,989,022	
TOTAL GRANT (EXCLUDING LA MATCH FUNDING)	48,842,538	48,890,774	

	Delegated to schools/LAs	Retained Initially for future delegation to schools	Retained by CSC for Specific Circumstances	Central Salaries	Total	Areas to include	Provisional Apportionment
	£	£	£	£	£		
National Support for Curriculum Reform		35,036			35,036	Engagement in the review of Hwb resources and supporting materials	This is for CSC staff and schools to work with WG on the review of material.
						Participation in the Understanding by Design resource development working group	This will be for schools to participate in the working as advised by WG.
						Engagement in the ALN Curriculum for Wales (CfW) practitioner working group looking at the development of CfW and ALN side by side	This will be for schools to participate in the working party as advised by WG.
		9,600			9,600	Participation in the Camau I'r Dyfodol progression project	Reimbursement costs for participants.
				3,600		3,600	Costs to support RSE resource development work in the spring term.
TOTAL	0	44,636	3,600	0	48,236		

