

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 2023/24, 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 2023/24 grants to the Joint Committee.

5.0 2023/24 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.

5.1 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant – Revised Award of Grant Funding

5.1.1 The revised award of funding is £185,425, taking the total award of grant funding for the financial year 2023/24 to £48,269,414.

5.1.2 The aim of the additional funding is to further support the following:

- i) National Support for Curriculum Reform - £39,300
- ii) Welsh-medium capacity grant - £146,125

5.1.3 Members will note that total revised award of funding of £185,425 is delegated direct to schools.

	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	£39,300				39,300	<p>School engagement in WG facilitated projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Hwb resources • Understanding by Design resource development working group • ALN CfW practitioner working group • National Network Policy Group • Global Citizenship case studies 	<p>Specified schools' participation is monitored by WG.</p> <p>Funding is passported to schools named by WG from the allocated budget following the receipt of participation registers.</p>
Welsh-medium capacity building grant	£146,125				£146,125	<p>Schools were invited to submit expressions of interest for the grant, and these have been evaluated on a national basis.</p>	<p>Successful schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YG Llangynwyd • YGG Llwyncelyn • YG Bro Morgannwg • Ysgol Garth Olwg • Ysgol Glantaf • Ysgol Plasmawr
TOTAL	185,425	0	0	0	185,425		