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EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING GRANTS 2022/23

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with details of grant funding available to the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate in 2022/23. To update with regards to grant funding that will span financial years, particularly with regards to capital funding.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides a brief overview of grant funding currently available. This funding is already significant and is likely to increase over the course of the year as additional funding becomes available and or due to the successful outcome of funding bids.
- 2.2 The report provides a brief description of the intended purpose of the grant funding (the terms and conditions of the awarding body). These details are included in the Appendix 1. More detailed information on individual grants can be made available to Members, if requested.
- 2.3 We are currently awaiting some of the formal grant offer letters, consequently some of the funding values contained in the appendix are indicative.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that Members are informed with regards to confirmed and indicative grant funding in 2022/23, both revenue and capital related.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The attached Appendix 1 provides a summary of grants currently known for 2022/23. This includes a list of the grants, the grant funding bodies, the value of the grant, a brief description of the purpose of the funding, together with details of the responsible officer. Members will notice that some of the figures are identified as indicative as we are awaiting the formal offer letters from the awarding body.
- 5.2 Members will note that there is a significant level of grant funding available to the Directorate in 2022/23, revenue funding is currently estimated at circa £39m. The grant funding linked to capital expenditure will often, but not always, span several financial years. Capital grant funding currently available is circa £60m. The significant funding relates to the Authority's 21st Century Band B Programme of £51.5m. It will span several financial years in terms of the spend profile and includes a match funding commitment from the Authority.
- 5.3 Each grant offer made to the Authority is dependent on adherence to a pre-defined set of terms and conditions, as stipulated by the awarding body. The purpose of the terms and conditions is to ensure clarity, the grant must only be spent within the defined scope of the funding.
- 5.4 In addition the terms and conditions will outline the period of the grant, how the grant will be paid, and the timescale for submission of grant claims and reports and whether the grant is subject to an annual audit review. The requirement for an audit review will stipulate whether this needs to be undertaken by either the Authority's Internal or External Auditors. The purpose of the audit review is to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant through a process of sample testing. During the review any queries raised are investigated and any further information required by Audit is provided prior to an Audit Report being produced. The details of the outcome of the audit are then made available to the awarding body as specified.
- 5.5 To be aware, even where a grant does not require a specific audit the Grant Body reserve the right to have access to documents and information relating to grant monies and may exercise this right, at all reasonable times, if deemed necessary.
- 5.6 Grant funding is an integral part of the Directorates financial planning and budget monitoring reports.
- 5.7 It is important to advise that the Education Achievement Service (EAS) has a key role in the co-ordination of a number a regional school related grant. These are identified in Appendix 1.

5.8 Conclusion

The details contained in the body of the report and in the appendix illustrate how important external grant funding is to the Directorate and to schools. This is due to the level of funding and the areas of support that the funding is targeted towards.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 Any assumptions are detailed within the report and appendix.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 In 2022/23 there is currently an estimated £39m due into the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate in the way of revenue grant funding. The issue with regards to grant funding is the degree of uncertainty for future planning purposes, since in most instances the grants are awarded on an annual basis which poses issues for medium- and long-term planning. Estimated capital funding available totals £60m but elements of this funding will extend across several financial years. Notably the 21st Century Band B Programme.

8.2 Welsh Government has recognised the challenges created by the uncertainty of an annual grant award, in the budget settlement details for 2022/23 they provided an All-Wales indicative position on specific grant funding. Whilst this does not provide information at a local level, it is helpful for future planning. For some grants indicative information for future years has been provided at a local level. Discussions on this issue will continue but recent information is certainly very helpful.

8.3 As mentioned previously, all grants are subject to specific terms and conditions, and this could include a requirement that the grant is subject to External Audit. If this is the case the Authority's External Auditors will scrutinise financial and non-financial data relating to the grant, as per the Audit Instructions, to ensure that all expenditure complies with the terms and conditions. If External Audit identify that there has been a failure to comply then potentially the grant funding body could claw back the grant funding previously awarded and paid, impacting directly on the Authority's budget in that year.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 In circumstances where grant funding is reduced or withdrawn, employees placed at risk will be supported via the appropriate Council policies relating to redeployment and ultimately redundancy if necessary. It is most likely that these redundancy costs would need to be met by the Authority.

9.2 In recent years Local Authorities have received significant additional grant funding from Welsh Government which has supported additional fixed term appointments.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2000.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Education Grants 2022-23

APPENDIX 1

Responsible Officer	Grant Body	Grant Title	Description / Comments	2022-23 £	
REVENUE FUNDING					
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Education Improvement Grant (EIG) - Regional	To support 3 national priorities for schools - improving standards in literacy; standards in numeracy; and reducing the impact of poverty on educational attainment. To support Welsh 1st & 2nd language in schools, grant needs to coincide with the authorities WESP (Welsh in Education Plan) Part of the Regional EIG Grant in 2022-23. This figure includes match of £645,041 funding provided by the Authority. Indicative allocation.	6,897,040	
Total Education Improvement Grant (Including Match Funding - circa £645k)				6,897,040	
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Pupil Development Grant (PDG) - 5-15 (Pupil Deprivation Grant)	Allocation to Schools based on free school meals. Terms of the grant are very similar to EIG grant but the grant should only be spent on pupils identified as being in receipt of FSM. Part of the Regional Grant Funding. Indicative allocation.	5,162,350	Indicative on 2021/22
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Pupil Development Grant (PDG) - 3 - 4 (Pupil Deprivation Grant) Early Years Allocation (New)	To deliver activity to raise the attainment of learners who are eligible for free school meals or who are Look After Children, adopted from care or subject of a Special Guardianship Order. This additional PDG funding is for the extension of PDG to eligible 3 and 4 year olds in educational settings. Indicative allocation.	1,036,150	Indicative on 2021/22
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Pupil Development Grant (PDG) - EOTAS	Funding to support EOTAS (Education Other Than at School) PDG	31,482	Indicative on 2021/22
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Pupil Development Grant (PDG) - (Non-Maintained Early Years)	Part of the Regional PDG Grant, Distributed to Non-maintained Early Years Childcare Settings within the borough.	62,477	Indicative on 2021/22
Performance Development Grant (PDG) Total				6,292,459	
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Home Education - Discharge Duties	Grant funding to discharge your existing duties in relation to EHE children and young people in recognition of existing requirements expectations on LAs and the increase in the number of home educated learners since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic	50,000	
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Home Education - Support to EHE (Elective Home Educated) children and young people	Grant funding to provide support to home educating families in recognition of additional costs a home educating family will incur when providing resources and opportunities that are typically available free in school	16,906	
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Mutch (Early Years Manager)	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Foundation Phase Nursery	This funding is allocated to you to support delivery of the FPN/childcare funding at a consistent rate.	314,467	
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Schools	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - The Recruit, Recover and Raise standards Programme - School	The expectation of the funding is to help schools meet the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic through the Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards (RRRS) programme.	1,879,573	
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Mutch (Early Years Manager)	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - The Recruit, Recover and Raise standards Programme - Non Maintained Settings	Local authorities, working with funded non-maintained nursery settings in their area, are responsible for ensuring that funding impacts on key areas that will support the delivery of quality Foundation Phase Nursery provision.	223,831	

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Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - MEGRT	The purpose of this funding is to support Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller learners, and is exclusively for these purposes.	128,464
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - ALN - LA Allocation	The funding is intended to support local authorities, maintained nurseries, maintained schools, special schools, and PRUs to prepare for the phased commencement and full implementation of the ALN Act.	70,000
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - ALN - Schools	The funding is intended to support local authorities, maintained nurseries, maintained schools, special schools, and PRUs to prepare for the phased commencement and full implementation of the ALN Act.	286,068
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Sarah Ellis - Lead for Inclusion / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - ALN - Learner provision	The funding is for Local Authorities to increase provision of support for children and young people with ALN to deal with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and will be targeted towards the direct provision of enhanced and/or additional support for those learners, particularly learners with complex needs.	564,946
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Wellbeing - Counselling	To improve and extend counselling provision by addressing waiting lists; forging links with providers of complimentary services – particularly those working with younger age children; and to provide training to counsellors on new and innovative ways of working with, in particular in relation to the impact of Covid19.	131,684
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Wellbeing - Wellbeing Interventions	Delivering school-based interventions for children and young people. Continuing activity funded in 2021-22, to work with partners, including the third sector, to deliver both universal and targeted interventions in schools.	47,639
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Wellbeing - Staff Training	Delivering teacher and other school staff training on children's emotional and mental wellbeing. Continuing activity funded in 2021-22, for local authorities to deliver wellbeing training to teachers/other school staff.	37,615
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Kyla Honey - Principal Education Psychologist	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Wellbeing - PRU/EOTAS	To support the wellbeing of children and young people in PRU/EOTAS settings.	23,812
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Community Schools - Family Engagement Officers	The purpose of the funding will be to expand the provision of Family Engagement Officers in schools serving disadvantaged communities and where attendance issues are particularly challenging.	237,113
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools) / Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - Community Schools - Community Manager	The purpose of the funding will be to trial the use of Community Focused School Managers in schools serving disadvantaged communities.	30,000

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Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools)	Welsh Government	Local Authority Education Grant - PDG Access	The Purpose of the Scheme is to provide grant assistance to families on low incomes. The scheme for the 2022/23 academic year will begin on 1st July 2022 and end on 30th June 2023.	1,461,325
		Local Authority Education Grant - Total		5,503,444
Education Achievement Service (EAS)	Welsh Government	Professional Learning	School based staff.	686,647
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Administration Grant for the Childcare Offer	The Purpose of the Funding is to enable your local authority to prepare for, and deliver the Childcare Offer (the Offer) within your local authority	179,875
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Childcare Offer Grant - 3 & 4 yr old Childcare	The costs associated with the delivery of the early implementation of the childcare offer within the whole of Caerphilly.	5,166,950
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Childcare Offer Grant - 3 & 4 yr old Childcare SEN	The costs associated with the delivery of the early implementation of the childcare offer within the whole of Caerphilly for children with SEN.	103,690
Paul O'Neil - Community Education Manager	Welsh Government	Youth Work Strategy Grant	To support youth engagement & progression; targeted and specific youth work to meet local need and target the most vulnerable young people; sustain the Engagement & Progression Co-Ordinator function, linked to preventing youth homelessness work. Also, to deliver a programme of mental health & wellbeing support to young people across the borough, promote the 5 ways to wellbeing, and run a 'Thrive Outside' initiative.	552,304
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	Welsh Government	Community Learning Provision (Adult Education)	To support Adult Community Learning in the Borough.	337,381
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools)	Welsh Government	Post 16 Provision in Schools	Funding for 6th Form Pupils (Years 12 & 13). Allocation is based on predicted learners (3 year average).	3,589,997
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools)	Welsh Government	Post 16 Provision in Schools	Transition Funding - learners are given additional support in preparing for the next stage of their academic, vocational or employment pathway; and	41,400
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools)	Welsh Government	Post 16 Provision in Schools	Adult Learning Engagement Funding - The purpose of this funding is to enable Local Authority Adult Learning providers to re-engage with adult learners impacted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.	27,029
Jane Southcombe - Finance Manager (Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools)	Welsh Government	Post 16 Provision in Schools	Learner Recovery and Progression Funding. The aim of the funding is to ensure that: • learners who have missed subject content have the opportunity to review previous learning and develop knowledge in order to meet the demands of their course; • learners are provided with specific pastoral support, including resilience and confidence building to enable successful learning and progression; • learners are given additional support with practical/workshop skills they may have missed during distanced learning.	193,408
Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	Welsh Government	Revenue Funding for the Provision of Period Products in all Schools	Provision of feminine hygiene products in all local Authority schools.	140,254

Indicative on 2021/22

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Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	Welsh Government	Provision of Feminine Hygiene Products	Provision of feminine hygiene products to women & girls from low income households who cannot afford them in the local authority area. This may be through partnerships with the third sector organisations, food banks, community hubs and other educational establishments.	13,153	Indicative on 2021/22
Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	Public Health Wales	Local development of the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Scheme (WNHSS)	To facilitate implementation of school level measures, changes in curriculum/teaching, policy/practice and environment that is constant with good health outcomes.	86,487	
Fiona Santos - Early Years and Childcare Co-Ordinator	Public Health Wales	Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Setting Scheme	To facilitate implementation of national guidance, changes in planning and delivery, policy/practice and environment that are consistent with good health outcomes.	14,850	Indicative on 2021/22
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Public Health Wales	Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Setting Scheme (Childhood Obesity Prevention)	To accelerate implementation of evidence based action to prevent obesity in pre-school children measured by the Child Measurement Programme (Wales)	15,000	Indicative on 2021/22
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Children and Communities Grant - Flying Start Revenue Grant	To promote the welfare of children & their parents through the provision of childcare, health visiting, speech language support & parenting support in 2020/2021. Part of the Children and Communities Flexible Funding in 2020/2021.	5,723,768	
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Children and Communities Grant - Flying Start Revenue Grant - Expansion	Expansion of the Flying Start Programme.	239,970	
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Children and Communities Grant - Flying Start Revenue Grant - Administration	Administrative support for the expansion of the programme.	91,041	
Fiona Santos - Early Years and Childcare Co-Ordinator	Welsh Government	Children and Communities Grant - Childcare and Play (Formerly "Out of School Childcare Grant")	To support childcare provision in the Borough. Improving childcare provision / identifying & meeting gaps in provision based on the results of Childcare Sufficiency Assessments. Supporting the Assisted Places Scheme. Part of the Children and Communities Flexible Funding in 2022/2023.	128,686	
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Children and Communities Grant - Child Development Fund		417,000	
Clare Ewings - Community Education	Welsh Government (p	Children and Communities Grant - Families First - Targeted Youth and Family Engagement	To support young people and their families to build resilience, confidence and self-esteem, and equip them with skills which help them make a meaningful contribution to society. TYFE consists of: Youth Engagement, Family Engagement, Young Parents	520,068	

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Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager.	Welsh Government (p	Children and Communities Grant - Families First - Outreach SRB, Families Learning Together & Assisted and Supported Places	The Outreach SRB is a service for Nursery children with severe and specific speech, language and communication needs. We identify / support appropriate children for the service within their own school. Some of these children could eventually access a part time assessment placement within a Specialist Resource Base for speech, language and communication needs. Family Learning Together identifies families with Essential Skills need and delivers programme of learning through groups in schools and in the community and on a 1-2-1 basis in the home. These programmes address the literacy, numeracy and language needs of parents and children and increases parents' understanding of how to support their children's learning and development. Assisted and Supported Placest. To fund 50% Childcare Placement Officer, 2 PLANET events hosted by Parent Network and assisted and support places within childcare settings.	395,000
Lisa Davies - Community Education	Internal - Legacy	Children and Communities Grant - Legacy - Youth	To provide youth work support to young people within the legacy priority areas within Caerphilly - formerly part of the Communities First Grant	99,746
Lisa Davies - Community Education	Internal - Soc Serv	Promoting Positive Engagement (formerly Youth Crime Prevention Fund)	The Project focuses on 8 to 25 year olds who are at risk of becoming involved in crime or anti social behaviour. Delivery relates to community engagement and development, family links, behaviour and accreditation opportunities. The Project works in partnership with Communities First, Families First and Caerphilly Community Safety.	67,485
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	European	Inspire 2 Work . Lead - Blaenau Gwent CBC.	To provide tailored support for young people aged 16-24 who are NEET to address and overcome their barriers, increase their self esteem, develop employability skills and move closer to the labour market. This will result in young people gaining valuable qualifications, entering further learning and gaining employment.	284,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	European	Bridges into Work II. Lead - Torfaen CBC.	The project will support the reduction of poverty by increasing employment levels, particularly for underrepresented groups and those furthest from the labour market. The operation will target economically inactive and long term unemployed people aged 25+ living in non-Community First areas.	267,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	European	Workings Skills for Adults II. Lead - Torfaen CBC.	The Project aims to target employed individuals outside of their employment context, supporting those unwilling to admit skills deficits to their employers or whose employers fail to engage.	102,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	European	Nurture Equip Thrive. Lead - Torfaen CBC.	The Project aims to reduce underemployment or absence rates for employed individuals with work limiting health conditions and / or other barriers to sustainable engagement with the labour market	176,000
Paul Warren - Strategic Lead for School Improvement	European	Inspire 2 Achieve - Blaenau Gwent CBC	To work with young people who are at risk of becoming NEET to re-integrate them into education	438,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	UK Gov	CELT - Torfaen CBC	To engage with economically inactive to encourage them to improve their qualifications and/or enter the jobs market	157,000

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TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE GRANTS				38,948,132

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CAPITAL FUNDING				
Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Flying Start Capital Grant	Bargoed - Busy Feet FS – Modular build in need of repair including new steps and fencing, resurface of yard, new canopy and recladding of building.	43,500
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat and Sarah Mutch - Early Years Manager	Welsh Government	Childcare Offer Capital Grant	To enable the Authority or support the Authority to provide sufficient childcare places to meet demand generated by the Childcare Offer. This grant is for the period 2019/2020 to 2022/2023 financial years. Initial award £6,320,898. The amount available in 2022/23 is the residual of the grant not spent and as per forecast of remaining scheme costs.	3,197,730
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	Welsh Government	Welsh Medium Education Capital Grant and Capital Funding for Early Years Provision	To enable the Authority or support the Authority to provide sufficient Welsh Medium places and Early Years provision within schools. This grant is for the period 2018/2019 to 2022/2023 financial years. Initial award £5,459,620. The amount available in 2022/23 is the residual of the grant not spent and as per forecast of remaining scheme costs.	3,720,797
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	Welsh Government	Community Hubs Capital Scheme	To enable the Authority to provide an all weather athletics track in relation to Ysgol Rhiw Syr-Dafydd Community Athletics Club. Initial award £755,000. The amount available in 2022/23 is the residual of the grant not spent and as per forecast of remaining scheme costs.	5,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	Welsh Government	21st Century Schools - Band B	To improve the standards of Schools within the Authority to meet the requirements of the Welsh Government 21st C Schools programme. There are currently 19 proposed schemes within the programme which has been given provisional approval by WG. The grant funding is matched to a rate dependant upon the schemes identified within the programme. CCBC's commitment is currently £26.861m. The grant is for the period 2018/2019 to 2025/2026.	51,599,376
Karen Pugh - Libraries - Resource & Customer Engagement Manager	Welsh Government	Transformation Capital Grant Programme 2022/23	Idris Davies Community Learning Hub & Rhymney Library Modernisation. Estimated total scheme costs £288,074. Additional funding from CCBC Place Shaping Fund £109,000 and Library Services Revenue Budget £24,073.79	155,000
Sue Richards - Head of Service Education, Planning & Strat	Welsh Government	Community Focused Schools	Capital Funding Grant towards Supporting Small and Medium Scale Practical Projects to Safely and Effectively Open Schools to the Community Outside Traditional Hours	1,186,994
TOTAL ANTICIPATED CAPITAL GRANTS				59,908,397



EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL PLAN FOR EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING
AND SCHOOLS 2022-23**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with details of the Financial Plan for Education and Lifelong Learning 2022-23. The Financial Plan is the key document for budget monitoring in this new financial year.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Financial Plan provides details of how the Directorates available budget has been allocated for financial year 2022-23. The Directorates budget totals circa £147.5m, of which £119.2m relates to the Authority's Schools and is distributed through the school funding formula.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report. The Financial Plan follows approval of the Authority's budget 2022-23 at Council on 24th February 2022.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that Members are fully informed with regards to the 2022-23 revenue budget position for the Directorate.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Revenue Budget 2022-23

- 5.1.1 Details of the Authority budget position were outlined to Special Council (24th February 2022). The Report outlined details with regards to the Welsh Government

revenue support grant (RSG) settlement, the general economic climate, together with Authority wide inflationary and other cost pressures. Council endorsed the revenue budget proposals for 2022-23 totalling £395m. This included growth to support specific pressures within the Authority together with any savings targets.

5.1.2 The approved budget for Education, Lifelong Learning and Schools totals £147.5m.

5.2 Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools

5.2.1 The Directorate, including schools has been given budgetary uplift of 1.75% for the impact of the Teachers pay award (September 2021), with a further 3% estimated for September 2022. In addition, there has been a 3% uplift for potential APT&C pay award costs, a 1.25% employers national insurance (NI) uplift for all staff, a 1% uplift on APT&C employer superannuation costs and an increase of 4% on non-pay related inflation.

5.2.2 Growth of £341k has been allocated to Education to support specific pressures within the service. The details are as follows:

- 2 Additional Classes PRU (from Sept 2022) £170k
- Health & Safety Capacity for Pupil Assessment £25k
- Sensory Service (SENCOM) £90k
- Psychology Service £56k

5.2.3 In 2022-23 there is no savings target for schools and growth to the value of £5.7m was approved to support identified pressures. Significantly this includes pay and non-pay associated cost pressures, floor area changes; additional pupils at Trinity Fields along with associated transport costs, further costs from formula changes linked to updated free school meals data.

5.2.4 In total the Directorates net budget for 2022-23 is £147.5m, of which £122.8m (which includes circa £3.6m Post 16 funding) forms the Individual Schools Budgets (ISB).

5.3 Conclusion

5.3.1 The financial position for 2022-23 will be monitored closely, with particular attention to emerging pressures and any subsequent implications. Consideration will also be given to any potential medium term financial savings for future years.

5.3.2 The Directorate budget for 2022-23 includes no specific budgetary uplift for “covid” associated costs. The impact of any potential on-going costs linked to covid will be monitored and are already being discussed at a senior level. The position remains uncertain as guidelines are updated, thus making it very difficult to project ahead. The Authority has identified a level of funding to support covid related costs in 2022-23, but again this will need to be closely monitored and spend prioritised. In addition, the impact of the significant increase in energy prices is already under review as the position has changed dramatically since the Authority’s budget was approved in February.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 All assumptions linked to the Authority’s budget strategy for financial year 2021/22 are detailed in the Report agreed by Council on 24th February 2022.

- 6.2 The Education, Lifelong Learning & Schools budget 2022-23 does not include any additional costs or income losses associated with Covid-19. Over the last 2 years our schools have been able to access significant financial support for additional covid associated costs through the Welsh Government Hardship Fund. The Hardship Fund ended on 31st March 2022. However, Welsh Government has been supportive with other funding to our schools over this period, which in part is reflected in an increased balances position as of 31st March 2022. As an Authority a sum of circa £2.5m has been approved as part of the Authority's budget strategy for 2022/23, to support covid related issues. Consequently, the Covid Earmarked Reserve totals £5m at the start of the new financial year.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As detailed throughout the report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 In 2022-23 the Directorate will continue with the strategy of prudent vacancy management.
- 9.2 There are no direct impact on existing staff arising from the 2022/23 Budget Proposals.
- 9.3 Details of the Authority's Draft Budget Proposals 2022-23 were shared with Trade Unions.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 The 2022-23 budget process involved extensive consultation, as detailed in the report to Council on 24th February 2022.
- 10.2 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2000.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Financial Plan 2022-23

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING	Original Estimate 2021-22 £	Revised Estimate 2021-22 £	Original Estimate 2022-23 £
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
SCHOOLS RELATED	120,795,230	121,541,865	125,260,474
EDUCATION	17,313,683	17,523,847	18,361,829
LIFELONG LEARNING	3,828,967	3,878,276	3,966,606
TOTAL SERVICE EXPENDITURE (Revenue)	141,937,880	142,943,988	147,588,909

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING	Original Estimate 2021-22 £	Revised Estimate 2021-22 £	Original Estimate 2022-23 £
<u>SCHOOLS RELATED</u>			
Individual Schools Budget	118,658,252	119,357,490	122,872,495
Post 16 Initiative (Grant Income)	(3,693,650)	(3,693,650)	(3,589,997)
Earmarked Formula Funding (inc. Joint Use Sites)	223,355	223,936	232,085
Schools LMS Contingencies	160,414	160,414	166,830
Other Direct School Related			
Learning Support Staff Registration Fee	20,660	20,660	21,486
PFI Funding Gap	353,013	353,013	367,134
PFI Building Maintenance	50,605	50,605	52,629
Repairs & Maint. 50/50 Scheme (Re-instated)	333,000	333,000	346,320
School Meal Admin. Utility & Telephone	434,735	439,361	449,512
Relief Supply Cover (Maternity)	710,457	719,276	724,521
Police Checks	62,323	62,323	64,816
Copyright and Licensing (Schools)	72,880	72,880	75,795
Total Other Direct School Related	2,037,673	2,051,118	2,102,213
Early Years (Rising 3's)	857,253	857,253	891,544
Education Improvement Grant - Match Funding	645,043	645,043	645,043
Early Retirement Pension Costs of School Based Staff	1,906,890	1,940,261	1,940,261
<u>EXPENDITURE TO DIRECTORATE SUMMARY</u>	120,795,230	121,541,865	125,260,474

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING	Original Estimate 2021-22 £	Revised Estimate 2021-22 £	Original Estimate 2022-23 £
<u>EDUCATION</u>			
Management & Support Service Costs	1,277,466	1,304,882	1,383,415
Social Inclusion			
Psychological Service	820,574	832,839	963,985
Behaviour Support	184,758	187,724	191,341
Education Welfare Service	372,461	378,360	385,126
Youth Offending Team	54,209	54,209	56,377
Safeguarding & LAC	254,507	258,837	263,434
School Based Counselling	381,429	386,727	393,730
Total Social Inclusion	2,067,938	2,098,696	2,253,993
Additional Learning Needs			
ALN Advisory Support Service	284,111	288,420	293,277
Professional/Statementing Learning Support	295,152	298,595	304,687
Language Support Primary	-	-	47,199
Specialist Resources	428,992	436,980	444,055
ALN Improvement Initiative	44,511	44,912	71,171
Childrens Centre	3,463	3,463	3,602
SNAP Cymru	34,017	34,620	35,328
Outreach Trinity Fields	47,661	47,661	49,567
Speech Therapy	54,601	55,544	55,949
SENCOM (Sensory Service)	59,854	59,854	62,248
Autism	695,322	695,322	813,135
Total Additional Learning Needs	2,156,439	2,174,126	2,397,323
Learning Pathways Partnership			
14 - 19 Initiative (Transport Costs)	132,618	132,618	137,923
Total Learning Pathways Partnership	132,618	132,618	137,923
EOTAS, Additional Support & Out of County Provision	9,774,650	9,892,722	10,222,719
Early Years Provision & Support			
Early Years Central Team	366,763	372,152	377,850
Total Early Years Provision & Support	366,763	372,152	377,850

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING	Original Estimate 2021-22 £	Revised Estimate 2021-22 £	Original Estimate 2022-23 £
<i>LEI Service Provision</i>			
SACRE	2,665	2,700	2,741
Outdoor Education Advisor SLA	31,024	31,024	32,265
School Improvement	75,375	75,375	104,192
Music Service	402,618	413,425	426,588
WJEC & Subscriptions	40,536	40,536	42,157
Total LEI Service Provision	552,218	563,060	607,943
<i>Education Achievement Service (EAS)</i>			
Contribution to EAS Joint Working	985,591	985,591	980,663
Total Education Achievement Service	985,591	985,591	980,663
<i>EXPENDITURE TO DIRECTORATE SUMMARY</i>	17,313,683	17,523,847	18,361,829
<u>LIFELONG LEARNING</u>			
Adult Education	76,739	83,532	94,505
Youth Service	1,281,073	1,297,492	1,323,834
Library Service	2,378,812	2,404,909	2,455,496
LLL Insurance & Non Operational Property/Land	92,343	92,343	92,771
<u>EXPENDITURE TO SERVICE SUMMARY</u>	3,828,967	3,878,276	3,966,606