

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 27th NOVEMBER 2017

School Budgets

Purpose: Members to receive information, scrutiny and discussion opportunities on current School Budget arrangements and individual school balances

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- Funding arrangements for schools (including an overview of individual school balances)

Reasons:

- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring the financial performance of schools.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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“The governing body has the collective and legal responsibility for the overall direction of the school and its strategic management. This includes the effective financial management of the school’s delegated budget and the responsibility for ensuring that the school’s financial resources are utilised in support of improving learner outcomes in the most effective and efficient way.”

Governor guide on Governors and Finance, 2014

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an Members with an overview and understanding of the regulations that encompass the allocation of school budgets, the budget process and the calculation of the delegated budget received from the Local Authority.

In addition, Members will have the opportunity to peruse individual school budget final balances for the financial years 2015 -16 and 2016 -17. This will facilitate further scrutiny and consideration of the challenges faced by specific schools.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES – a) School Funding Arrangements Briefing Paper b) Copy of school budget balances (2015/16 and 2016/17)
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: *Gareth Morgans*, Director of Education and Children's Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

Finance: As a Council, we need to ensure sufficient levels of funding for our schools to enable the highest quality of provision and outcomes for all children and young people in Carmarthenshire.

Staffing Implications: As a Council, we need to ensure sufficient staffing and resource levels are consistently achieved within our schools to support the effective delivery of high quality provision for all Carmarthenshire children and young people. The addressing of a wide range of educational needs, in pursuit of achieving each individual learner's greatest potential, requires our ongoing investment and support.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: *Gareth Morgans*, Director of Education and Children's Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection

