

ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

3RD APRIL 2019

BUDGET REPORT 2019-20

Purpose:

To provide the ERW Joint Committee with an update on the financial position of ERW for 2019-20

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- The Joint Committee approves in principle the Central Team Budget for 2019-20, the Local Authority Contributions and the basis for their calculation, and the distribution funding formulas, subject to further work being carried out by the S151 Officers and agreement being reached that the funds released from the re-organised structure (Annex 3) can be used by the authorities to replace what was previously funded by their own core authority budgets, to achieve the priorities of the national mission (in compliance with grant terms and conditions).
- The Joint Committee determine whether they require a contingency over and above the "Schools Causing Concern" provision already provided in the draft budget and if so, whether to include it in the Central Team Budget for 2019-20 (noting that its inclusion will increase the Local Authority contributions for 2019-20) or fund from grant should the activity meet relevant grant conditions.
- The Managing Director proceeds with the implementation of the new structure, subject to the further work in (a) above and (d) below, with a view to ensuring its completion by the end of the Summer Term.
- The employment terms and conditions for permanent ERW staff include a clause that they are required to accept suitable alternative employment of the member authorities before termination/redundancy of contracts are implemented should ERW funding be discontinued and the structure no longer be in place (subject to confirmation by Heads of HR).

It should be noted that the recommendations of this report are subject to ongoing discussions between the Joint Committee and Welsh Government, and that alternative recommendations may be presented to the Joint Committee as a result.

REASONS: To obtain Joint Committee Approval

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the ERW Joint Committee with a financial update on the following:

- 2018-19 and 2019-20 Central Team Budget
- Local Authority Contributions
- 2019-20 Progression
- 2019-20 Grants
- 2019-20 Grant Funded Budget
- Risks
- Reserves
- Recommendations

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES



IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications
NONE	NONE	YES	YES	YES
FINANCE The decisions regarding the 2019-2020 budget will inform future financial decisions				
RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES There are risks that will need to be managed as part of the proposals/actions contained in the paper. Moving forward they will need to be noted in the ERW Risk Register				
STAFFING IMPLICATIONS The paper contains funding information on potential staffing structures				

CONSULTATIONS

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

