



**Partneriaeth
Financial Report
2022-23
(December 2022)**

**Partneriaeth Joint Committee
3 February 2023**

**Partneriaeth
S151 Officer**

1. Introduction

This report presents the Joint Committee with a financial update at 31 December 2022. All costs are for the 9-month period.

As its meeting on 29 April 2022, the Partneriaeth Joint Committee resolved that 'The assumptions and estimates made in compiling the outline budget for 2022-23 be noted, 'The Local Authority contributions for 2022-23, the Service Level Agreements (SLA's) for 2022-23 and the outline budget for 2022-23 be endorsed, prior to approval by the Councils' and 'the Partneriaeth S151 Officer be authorised to make amendments to the outline budget for 2022-23 as assumptions and estimates are confirmed.

In accordance with the Partneriaeth Legal Agreement dated 20 April 2022, 'Approving the first Annual Budget of the Partneriaeth and any subsequent Annual Budget which would exceed the scope of the authority delegated to the Joint Committee within its terms of reference' is a matter reserved for each Council. Pembrokeshire County Council approved the first annual budget for Partneriaeth in September 2022 and Carmarthenshire County Council and Swansea Council approved the first annual budget for Partneriaeth in October 2022.

2. 2022-23 Service Level Agreements (SLA's)

The SLA's for 2022-23 are outlined in the table below:

SLA's	2022-23 £'000
Committee Services (Carmarthenshire)	5
Scrutiny (Swansea)	5
Finance (Pembrokeshire)	121
Internal Audit (Pembrokeshire)	26
Human Resources (Pembrokeshire)	6
Information Technology (Pembrokeshire)	31
Procurement (Pembrokeshire)	20
Total Budgeted SLA's	214

There continues to be no charge for the services of the Partneriaeth Lead Chief Executive, Partneriaeth S151 Officer, Partneriaeth Monitoring Officer or the Partneriaeth Lead Education Director.

3. Local Authority Contributions

The Local Authority contributions for 2022-23 are outlined in the table below and are based on PLASC-20 figures (80%) and the number of schools within each Local Authority (20%):

Local Authority	2022-23 £'000
Carmarthenshire	107
Pembrokeshire	65
Swansea	128
Total Contributions	300

4. Budget Monitoring – December 2022

Budgeted Expenditure	Original Budget 2022-23 £'000	Revised Budget at December 2022 £'000	Actual to December 2022 £'000	Committed December 2022 £'000	Projected Outturn 2022-23 £'000
Staffing Costs					
Salaries	1,930	2,168	1,391	396	1,787
Secondments, Specialists		103	83	86	169
Travel, Subsistence, Training & Development	15	17	6	11	17
IT Hardware & Mobiles	20	20	22	0	22
	1,965	2,308	1,502	493	1,995
Development and Running Costs					
Rent and Accommodation	25	25	18	7	25
General Office Expenses	7	7	5	2	7
Stationary, Telephone & Photocopying	5	5	2	3	5
Translation	40	50	15	35	50
Software & Marketing	26	27	0	27	27
Service Level Agreements	214	214	0	214	214
External Audit	15	15	0	15	15
Other Contracted Services	0	529	55	474	529
Business Plan Objectives	3,058	4,270	2,576	2,007	4,583
	3,390	5,142	2,671	2,784	5,455
Total Expenditure	5,355	7,450	4,173	3,277	7,450
Budgeted Income					
Local Authority Contributions	300	300	65	235	300
Grant Funding RCSIG	4,159	4,802	1,985	2,817	4,802
Grant Funding RCSIG EIG Retained	841	841	358	483	841
PDG Co-ordinator*	55	1,030	0	1,030	1,030
EWC	0	381	127	254	381
Other LA Income**	0	96	0	96	96
Total Income	5,355	7,450	2,535	4,915	7,450
Overspend/(Underspend)	-	-			-

*PDG Co-ordinator now includes PDG LAC (£708,400) and Consortia led funding (£271,136)

** £81k from NPT (Higher level teaching assistant and future leaders programme) and £15k from Ceredigion removed from RCSIG Funding to Other LA Income

The original budget contained the Indicative RCSIG Funding that Partneriaeth expected to receive, and this has now been revised based on the final allocation and variations we have received from Welsh Government.

The pay offers for non-teaching and teaching (post September 2022) staff were in excess of that detailed in the original budget, so the revised budget has been adjusted to reflect this.

Due to the additional grant funding received, there was a projected underspend for 2022-23, this has been re-allocated to the business plan objectives within the projected outturn.

5. Grant Income 2022-23

According to the National Ministerial Priorities, Grants received are allocated based on the Partneriaeth Business Plan Strategic Objectives 2022-23:

Priority 1 – Curriculum & Assessment - Supporting a national curriculum with equity & excellence at its core that sets high standards for all learners.

Priority 2 – Developing a high-quality education profession - improving the teaching & learning in our schools.

Priority 3 – Leadership and Career Pathways - supporting inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards. Includes future leadership & professional networks.

Priority 4 – Strong & inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity & well-being.

Priority 5 – Supporting a self-improving system - supporting a system in which the education profession have the skills, capacity & agency to continually learn & improve their practice.

Priority 6 – Ensure that Partneriaeth has strong governance and effective business and operational support that provides value for money.

5.1 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG)

Funding from this grant covers Priority 1, 2, 3 listed above, and the working within these priorities also support priorities 5 and 6. Part of Variation 1 below covers Priority 4.

The following Grant offers have been received from Welsh Government for the region:

Grant Offer	Date	Amount £'000
Main Grant	3 rd May 2022	27,620
Variation 1	26 th September 2022	108
Variation 2	14 th December 2022	23
Total		27,751

The terms and conditions of the grants are carefully adhered to, and wherever possible clear links are made between the grants to enable greater value for money when planning expenditure. The 2022-23 Main Grant and Variation offer letters have been accepted by the Lead Officer and Section 151 Officer.

Welsh Government are distributing the RCSIG on a quarterly basis and two instalments of the Main Grant and Variation 1 have been received to date, totalling £11,738,567. Instalment 3 is due by end of January 2023 and the final instalment is due early March 2023.

The table below shows how the RCSIG is allocated.

	£'000
EIG retained by Partneriaeth	841
EIG passported to LA's	20,108
Professional Learning to be passported to LA's	2,000
Partneriaeth RCSIG Priorities	4,802
Total	27,751

A) Main Grant

The RCSIG contain the following elements

- Education Improvement Grant
- Professional Learning

Funding for EIG totalling £20,108,162 and £2,000,120 for Professional Learning is distributed to Member local authorities. These are detailed below.

Education Improvement Grant (EIG)

Individual Local Authorities will be passported the amounts below for each EIG Element of RCSIG:

EIG Breakdown by Authority	Grant Funding £'000
Carmarthenshire	7,119
Pembrokeshire	4,522
Swansea	8,467
Total	20,108

As per the Award Letter from Welsh Government, Local Authorities are to provide match funding to the EIG funding and the 2022-23 level is set at the match funding level of previous years.

Along with the EIG, the Professional Learning (PL) element of RCSIG is passported to each Local Authority as outlined below:

PL Breakdown by Authority	Grant Funding £'000
Carmarthenshire	717
Pembrokeshire	424
Swansea	859
Total	2,000

The EIG and Professional Learning amounts to be passported to Local Authorities have not been included in the figures in Section 4 above.

The remaining RCSIG funding is allocated by Partneriaeth to the following priorities:

Priority 1

	£
1.1 Curriculum Reform - Regional support for curriculum and assessment reform	588,745
1.2 Curriculum Reform - National Network schools' engagement	519,480
1.3 Curriculum Reform -Schools curriculum and assessment reform, inc learning progression	1,098,875
1.4 Curriculum Reform - Wellbeing in learning	57,143
1.5 Curriculum reform PL programme (Curriculum Design and Development + New PL for curriculum)	400,000
Total	2,664,243

Priority 2

	£
2.1 Professional learning, enquiry and research to realise curriculum - school-led (NPEP, research, pedagogy school funding)	554,113
2.2 Professional learning for developing practice and reflection (RALD/ WCLD, SLO, Pedagogy, Professional Standards)	137,499
2.3 Literacy & Numeracy Grant	62,499
2.4 Primary LNF Oracy Scheme for Wales	69,264
2.5 Welsh - Professional Development	467,533
2.6 A Level Improvement	73,600
2.7 Regional support for Modern languages - (Modern Foreign Languages (Global Futures))	57,750
2.8 Modern Foreign Languages – building capacity for MFL in the primary sector	46,927
2.9 Digital Competence Framework	12,501
2.10 Coding & Digital Skills	51,947
Total	1,533,633

Priority 3

	£
3.1 Induction / Early Career support package	31,251
3.2 Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) - & TALP	118,749
3.3 Future Leadership Programme (Aspiring, middle leaders including Coaching & Mentoring support)	125,001
3.4 National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)	198,000
Total	473,001

B) Variation 1

	£	
NPQH Retakes	15,750	Priority 3
Welsh-Medium Capacity Grant	46,518	Priority 2
Tranche 2 Development cost	46,250	Priority 4
Total	108,518	

C) Variation 2

	£	
National support for Curriculum Reform	22,986	Priority 1
Total	22,986	

5.2 Pupil Development Grant (PDG)

Funding from this grant covers Priority 4 listed above and the working within this priority also support priorities 5 and 6.

The following Grant offer has been received for the region:

Grant Offer	Date	Amount £000
Main Grant	27 th October 2022	20,272
Total		20,272

The terms and conditions of the grants are carefully adhered to, and wherever possible clear links are made between the grants to enable greater value for money when planning expenditure. The 2022-23 Main Grant has been accepted by the Lead Officer and Section 151 Officer.

Welsh Government are distributing the PDG in 3 Instalments. Instalment 1 has been claimed in December 2022 to the amount of £10,136,242.50, income not yet received. Instalment 2 is due by end of January 2023 and the final instalment is due early March 2023.

The grant is to be allocated as follows:

To be passported to Local Authorities	Amount £'000
Local Authorities	19,243
To be retained by Partneriaeth	
Looked After Children	708
Consortia Led Funding	271
PDG Strategic Advisor	50
Total	20,272

6. Risks and Opportunities

Continued reliance on grant funding remains a risk for Partneriaeth.

It is anticipated that a reserve and working balance for Partneriaeth will be funded using remaining ERW reserve and EWC balances.

Recommendations

- The Partneriaeth Joint Committee note the financial report as at December 2022 and the projected outturn for 2022-23.
- The Partneriaeth Joint Committee approve the revised budget for 2022-23 and the grant income and allocation for 2022-23.