



# **Partneriaeth Financial Outturn 2023-24**

**Partneriaeth Joint Committee  
16 July 2024**

**Partneriaeth  
S151 Officer**

## 1. Introduction

This report presents the Joint Committee with the Partneriaeth financial outturn at 31 March 2024. Preparation of the final Statement of Accounts may result in a slight revision of this position over the coming weeks. It is not envisaged that any changes will be material.

## 2. 2023-24 Service Level Agreements (SLA's)

The SLA's for 2023-24 are outlined in the table below:

<b>SLA's</b>	<b>2023-24 £'000</b>
Committee Services (Carmarthenshire)	5
Scrutiny (Swansea)	5
Finance (Pembrokeshire)	130
Internal Audit (Pembrokeshire)	28
Human Resources (Pembrokeshire)	7
Information Technology (Pembrokeshire)	33
Procurement (Pembrokeshire)	21
<b>Total Budgeted SLA's</b>	<b>229</b>

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

There were no Local Authority contributions for 2023-24.

It was agreed by the Joint Committee that for 2023-24 reserves will be used to fund the element of the Partneriaeth budget formally funded by the Local Authority contributions, which total £335k.

## 4. Outturn 2023-24

Expenditure	Original Budget 2023-24	Revised Budget 2023-24	Actual 2023-24		
			Central Team	Grants	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Staffing Costs</b>					
Salaries	2,023	2,061	644	1,229	1,873
Secondments, Specialists	81	264	97	268	365
Travel & Subsistence	10	10	6	11	17
Training & Development	5	5	1	-	1
	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>2,256</b>
<b>Development and Running Costs</b>					
Rent and Accommodation	15	15	14	-	14
Electricity	2	2	1	-	1
Service Charges	11	11	8	-	8
General Office Expenses	7	7	3	4	7
Mobile Telephone	5	5	1	-	1
Translation	40	40	31	1	32
Hardware Purchases	22	22	2	-	2
Software	10	10	4	4	8
Marketing	18	18	-	-	-
Service Level Agreements	229	229	229	-	229
External Audit	16	16	18	-	18
Other Contracted Services	48	48	-	48	48
Business Plan Objectives	3,501	4,189	163	4,273	4,436
	<b>3,924</b>	<b>4,612</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>4,804</b>
Grants to be Passported	-	21,298	-	21,384	21,384
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>28,250</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>27,222</b>	<b>28,444</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Grant Funding RCG	(4,326)	(25,808)	-	(25,885)	(25,885)
Grant Funding RCG EIG Retained	(842)	(842)	(842)	-	(842)
PDG	(50)	(838)	-	(838)	(838)
EWC	(381)	(381)	-	(420)	(420)
Secondment Income from WG	(109)	(46)	-	(57)	(57)
Other LA Income			(96)	-	(96)
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Use of Reserves in lieu of Member Contributions	(335)	(335)	(335)	-	(335)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(6,043)</b>	<b>(28,250)</b>	<b>(1,288)</b>	<b>(27,298)</b>	<b>(28,586)</b>
<b>Net Expenditure / (Income)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>(76)</b>	<b>(142)</b>
<b>Appropriation to/(from) Reserve*</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>142</b>

\*£142k appropriated to reserve, is made up of £66k Core underspend and £76k EWC underspend.

## 5. Grants 2023-24

According to the National Ministerial Priorities, Partneriaeth Business Plan Strategic Objectives 2023-24:

**Priority 1** – Support all schools and settings to design and deliver their own high quality equitable curriculum.

**Priority 2** – Embed principles and processes, which underpin educational equity in all schools and settings.

**Priority 3** – Support schools and settings to develop a range of research and enquiry skills as a key part of their professional learning.

**Priority 4** – Provide career pathways for leaders, practitioners and support staff at all levels of the system.

### 5.1 Regional Consortia Grant (RCG)

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

Grant Offer	Date	Amount £'000
Main Grant	18 May 2023	26,469
Variation 1	6 October 2023	181
Variation 2	1 February 2024	185
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,835</b>

The terms and conditions of the grants were carefully adhered to, and wherever possible clear links are made between the grants to enable greater value for money when planning expenditure. The Lead Officer and Section 151 Officer have accepted the 2023-24 Main Grant, Variation 1 and Variation 2 offer letters.

The table below shows how the RCG was allocated.

	£'000
EIG retained by Partneriaeth	842
EIG passported to LA's	19,291
Professional Learning to be passported to LA's	2,007
Professional Teaching Awards Cymru (PTAC)	3
Partneriaeth RCG Priorities	4,692
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,835</b>

£51k of Partneriaeth RCG Priorities funding received in 2023-24 was not spent and will be returned to Welsh Government.

## A) Main Grant

The RCG contains the following elements

- Education Improvement Grant (EIG)
- Professional Learning (PL)

Funding for EIG totalling £19,291,298 and Professional Learning totalling £2,006,982 was distributed to Member local authorities. These are detailed below.

<b>EIG Breakdown by Authority</b>	<b>Grant Funding £'000</b>
Carmarthenshire	6,873
Pembrokeshire	4,330
Swansea	8,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,291</b>

<b>PL Breakdown by Authority</b>	<b>Grant Funding £'000</b>
Carmarthenshire	705
Pembrokeshire	440
Swansea	862
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,007</b>

The £3k for Professional Teaching Awards Cymru (PTAC) was passported to Carmarthenshire.

The tables below show the allocations of the remaining RCG funding by Partneriaeth and the Actual expenditure for each priority:

### Priority 1 - Curriculum

	<b>Allocation £</b>	<b>Actual £</b>
1.1 Regional support for curriculum and assessment reform	578,364	578,364
1.2 Schools curriculum and assessment development, including National Networks and learning progression	1,589,824	1,589,824
1.3 Curriculum reform professional learning programme	337,500	337,500
1.4 Regional support for Modern languages - (Modern Foreign Languages (Global Futures))	57,750	57,750
1.5 Modern Foreign Languages – building capacity for MFL in the primary sector	46,098	46,098
1.6 Literacy & Numeracy Grant/ Support for Curriculum Improvements	62,499	62,499
1.7 Primary LNF Oracy Scheme for Wales	68,042	68,042
1.8 Digital Competence Framework	12,501	12,501

1.9 Coding & Digital Skills	51,033	51,033
1.10. A Level and Welsh Bacc PL	89,700	89,700
1.11. Welsh - Professional Development	425,268	425,268
1.12. Welsh-medium capacity grant	33,227	33,227
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,351,806</b>	<b>3,351,806</b>

### Priority 2 - Equity

	Allocation £	Actual £
2.1 Supporting Vulnerable Learners	18,750	18,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>18,750</b>

### Priority 3 – Research and Enquiry

	Allocation £	Actual £
3.1 School-led professional learning, enquiry and research to realise curriculum	510,322	510,322
3.2 Professional learning for developing practice and reflection	112,500	112,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>622,822</b>	<b>622,822</b>

### Priority 4 – Career Pathways

	Allocation £	Actual £
4.2 Teaching Assistants Learning Pathway	118,749	118,749
4.1 Induction / Early Career support package	31,251	31,251
4.3 Future Leadership Programme (Aspiring, middle leaders including Coaching & Mentoring support)	106,251	106,251
4.5 Aspiring Headteachers Programme	76,500	76,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,751</b>	<b>332,751</b>

### B) Variation 1

	Allocation £	Actual £
National support for Curriculum Reform	26,800	26,800
Welsh-medium capacity building grant	94,666	94,666

National Pedagogy Lead	60,000	56,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,466</b>	<b>178,227</b>

### C) Variation 2

	<b>Allocation £</b>	<b>Actual £</b>
National support for Curriculum Reform	6,300	6,300
Comparative Judgement assessment software	7,700	7,700
National Professional Qualification for Headship	171,000	123,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>137,056</b>

£51,183 of RCG funding received in 2023-24 was not spent and will be returned to Welsh Government.

## 5.2 Pupil Development Grant (PDG)

Welsh Government made changes this year to the distribution of the PDG Funding with the PDG for eFSM Learners, PDG for Early Years settings and PDG for learners educated other than at school being passported directly to the Local Authorities.

The PDG grant offer letter for 2023-24 was received on 21 November 2023, which included the following allocations:

	<b>£'000</b>
Looked After Children	675
Consortia Led Funding	113
PDG Strategic Advisor	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>838</b>

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 2023-24 PDG Grant has been accepted by the Lead Officer and Section 151 Officer.

The PDG funding for 2023-24 was fully spent.

## 5.3 Siarter Iaith

The Siarter Iaith funding was allocated on the following basis:

<b>Siarter Iaith Breakdown</b>	<b>Grant Funding £000's</b>
Partneriaeth Retained	30
Passported to Local Authorities	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

The Siarter Iaith funding for 2023-24 was fully spent.

## 5 Risks and Opportunities

Continued reliance on grant funding will remain a risk for Partneriaeth.

Whilst there are currently healthy reserve balances, these will reduce considerably during 2024-25 and over the medium term due to:

- Funding staff exit costs following the Partneriaeth restructure currently being undertaken
- Use of reserves to fund local authority contributions.

## 6. Reserves

The table below shows the reserve position at the end of 2023-24:

<b>Usable Reserves</b>	<b>Balance 1 April 2023 £000</b>	<b>Contribution from Revenue Accounts £000</b>	<b>Contribution to Revenue Accounts £000</b>	<b>Balance 31 March 2024 £000</b>
Earmarked Reserves	(1,672)	(142)	335	(1479)
General Working Reserve	(100)	-	-	(100)
<b>Total Useable Reserves</b>	<b>(1,772)</b>	<b>(142)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>(1,579)</b>

At the Joint Committee meeting held on 23 June 2023 a contribution from reserve in lieu of the Local Authority contributions was approved for 2023-24 due to the level of reserves and balances transferred to Partneriaeth following the cessation of ERW.

## Recommendations

- The Partneriaeth Joint Committee approve the Financial Outturn for 2023-24.