



Partneriaeth Financial Outturn 2022-23

**Partneriaeth Joint Committee
2 February 2024**

**Partneriaeth
S151 Officer**

1. Introduction

This report presents the Joint Committee with the Partneriaeth financial outturn at 31 March 2023. Preparation of the final Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 may result in a slight revision of this position over the coming weeks. It is not envisaged that any changes will be material.

2. Partneriaeth Budget 2022-23

The Partneriaeth budget for 2022-23 was approved by the Joint Committee on 29 April 2022, with a revised budget for 2022-23 approved by the Joint Committee on 3 February 2023.

It has been noted that grant dependency has risks but these were accepted by the Joint Committee.

3. 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.

4. 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

All contributions have been received.

5. Outturn 2022-23

Central Team	Original Budget 2022-23 £000	Revised Budget 2022-23 £000	Actual 2022-23		
			Central Team £'000	Grants £'000	Total £'000
Staffing Costs					
Salaries	1,930	2,168	730	1,377	2,107
Secondments, Specialists	-	103	57	159	216
Travel, Subsistence, Training & Development	15	17	11	20	31
IT Hardware & Mobiles	20	20	31	-	31
	1,965	2,308	829	1,556	2,385
Development and Running Costs					
Rent and Accommodation	25	25	16	6	22
General Office Expenses	7	7	4	13	17
Stationary, Telephone & Photocopying	5	5	-	2	2
Translation	40	50	7	48	55
Software & Marketing	26	27	-	-	-
Service Level Agreements	214	214	214	-	214
External Audit	15	15	15	-	15
Other Contracted Services	-	529	35	540	575
Business Plan Objectives	3,058	4,270	14	5,378	5,392
	3,390	5,142	305	5,987	6,292
Grants Passported to LA's	-	-	-	41,434	41,434
Total Gross Expenditure	5,355	7,450	1,134	48,977	50,111
Income					
Contributions from Member Authorities	(300)	(300)	(300)	-	(300)
Grant Funding RCSIG	(4,159)	(4,802)	-	(28,378)	(28,378)
Grant Funding RCSIG EIG Retained	(841)	(841)	(841)	-	(841)
PDG	(55)	(1,030)	-	(20,242)	(20,242)
EWC	-	(381)	-	(423)	(423)
Other LA Income	-	(96)	(96)	-	(96)
Siarter laith	-	-	(15)	(83)	(98)
Other Income	-	-	(7)	(6)	(13)
Total Income	(5,355)	(7,450)	(1,259)	(49,132)	(50,391)
Net Surplus	-	-	(125)	(155)	(280)
Appropriation to/(from) Reserve	-	-	125	155	280

- £280k appropriated to reserve, is made up of £125k core underspend and £155k EWC underspend.

6. Passported Grants

6.1 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG)

The RCSIG funding was allocated on the following basis:

RCSIG Breakdown	Grant Funding £000's
Partneriaeth	4,802
EIG Retained	841
Passported to Local Authorities	22,108
Total	27,751

Individual Local Authorities have been passported the amounts below for each of the EIG and Professional Learning Elements of RCSIG:

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

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

The 2020-21 (£570,210) and 2021-22 (£1,091,587) underspend was distributed to Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Swansea and Powys based on their Local Authority contribution percentage for each corresponding financial year. £195,098 of RCSIG funding received in 2022-23 was not spent and will be returned to Welsh Government.

6.2 Pupil Development Grant (PDG)

The PDG funding was allocated on the following basis:

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

Individual Local Authorities have been passported the below amounts of the PDG funding:

PDG Breakdown by Authority	Grant Funding £000's
Carmarthenshire	6,636
Pembrokeshire	3,214
Swansea	9,393
Total	19,243

£30,349 of PDG funding received in 2022-23 was not spent and will be returned to Welsh Government.

6.3 Siarter Iaith

The Siarter Iaith funding was allocated on the following basis:

Siarter Iaith Breakdown	Grant Funding £000's
Partneriaeth Retained	15
Passported to Local Authorities	83
Total	98

Individual Local Authorities have been passported the below amounts of the PDG funding:

Siarter Iaith Breakdown by Authority	Grant Funding £000's
Carmarthenshire	31
Pembrokeshire	19
Swansea	33
Total	83

7. Risks and Opportunities

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

8. Reserves

At the ERW Joint Committee on 17 May 2023, approval was given to distribute £1.492m of the ERW reserves and balances to Partneriaeth.

The table below shows the reserve position at the end of 2022-23.

Usable Reserves	Balance 1 April 2022 £000	Contribution from Revenue Accounts £000	Contribution to Revenue Accounts £000	Balance 31 March 2023 £000
Earmarked Reserves	(1,392)	(280)	-	(1,672)
General Working Reserve	(100)	-	-	(100)
Total Useable Reserves	(1,492)	(280)	-	(1,772)

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.

9. Recommendations

- The Joint Committee approve the Partneriaeth financial outturn for 2022-23.