COMMITTEE Special Educational Needs Joint Committee

DATE 10 December 2013

TITLE OF REPORT Budget Review 2013/2014

REPORT BY Head of Finance Service

Budget Review 2013/2014

The budget incorporates employment contracts, pay increments, changes to National Insurance contributions and general inflation for 2013/2014. The contribution of Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Authorities has increased by 1.2%.

This is the current staffing establishment of the Joint-Committee -

- number of full time equivalent post
- 8.1 psychologists
- 7.6 support teachers
- 6.4 administrative staff

As the Provider Unit's report states, numerous posts have been vacant during the year as well as staff on maternity leave, with the Unit unable to find supply cover. This leads to a significant estimated underspend in the SEN Joint-Committee's accounts for this year. Within the three staff teams, there is an underspend of —

Psychologists £99,950
Support Teachers £24,200
Administrative staff £14,050
Total £138,200

Training costs are also estimated to underspend by approximately £4,520 dependent on the availability of courses before the end of March 2014.

An estimated overspend is anticipated on postage of about £1,700 and a decrease of approximately £5,890 on the income generated by the Joint-Committee in providing training and sales of publications to schools and the Authorities.

This leads to an estimated underspend of approximately £135,130 in this year's accounts. This is in addition to the (revised) balances of £166,351 carried over from 2012/13. The total estimated balances are therefore approximately £300,000 by the end of this financial year.

The Joint-Committee's staff along with Education Officers from both authorities has arranged temporary arrangements to support the staffing levels and continue to consider the best use of balances for the best benefits of the children and schools in Gwynedd and Ynys Môn.

Recommendation

The Joint-Committee is requested to approve and adopt the budget for 2013/2014 and to receive an update of the use of the SEN Joint-Committee's balances at its next meeting.

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BUDGET 2013/2014 and REVIEW

Expenditure Employees Salaries	staffing structure April 2013	Budget 2012/2013 £	inflation and other costs £	Budget 2013/2014 £	projection 2013/14 £	- underspend + overspend £
- Psychologists	(8.1)	511,670	9,820	521,490	421,540	-99,950
- Support Teachers	(7.6)	377,350	2,360	379,710	355,510	-24,200
- Administration	(6.4)	182,890	2,630	185,520	171,470	-14,050
Training Liability Insurance		9,520 2,660	0 60	9,520 2,720	5,000 2,720	-4,520 0
Building Rates Rent and Services		5,090 10,770	-330 190	4,760 10,960	4,760 10,960	0 0
Transport Travelling Expenses		50,780	0	50,780	50,780	0
Supplies and Services Resources / Office Supplies Telephone Post Central Charges Ynys Môn Central Charges Gwynedd		17,480 8,600 1,800 1,630 4,810	0 0 0 0 50	17,480 8,600 1,800 1,630 4,860	17,480 8,600 3,500 1,630 4,860	0 0 1,700 0 0
Total Expenditure		1,185,050	14,780	1,199,830	1,058,810	-141,020
Income			,	· · ·		,
External Income		8,740	150	8,890	3,000	5,890
Cyngor Gwynedd Contribution		721,900	8,980	730,880	730,880	0
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn Contribution		454,410	5,650	460,060	460,060	0
Total Income		1,185,050	14,780	1,199,830	1,193,940	5,890
Total Net Expenditure		0	0	0	-135,130	-135,130

revised balances 31/03/2013 £166,351

estimated balances by the end of the year 2013/14 £300,000