



Cyfarfod / Meeting

FFORWM CYLLIDEB YSGOLION

SCHOOLS FINANCE FORUM

Dyddiad ac Amser / Date and Time

9.30 a.m. DYDD MAWRTH, 4 MAWRTH 2014

9.30 a.m. TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2014

Lleoliad / Location

Ystafell Gyfarfod / Assembly Room

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Y Cynghorydd/Cllr Peredur Jenkins (Adnoddau)

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Mr Eifion Jones - Ysgol Brynrefail
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Mr Walter Williams – Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen - Arennig, 14 Erw Las, Bethesda, Gwyedd
Mr Godfrey Northam - Ysgol Llanllechid – 4 Llwyn Bedw, Rachub, Llanllechid, Bangor, Gwynedd.

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Mr Harry Thomas, Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive
Mr Dewi R Jones, Pennaeth Addysg/Head of Education Service
Mr Owen Owens , Uwch Reolwr Addysg/Education Senior Manager
Mr Hefin Owen , Rheolwr Cyllid y Gyfadran Datblygu/Finance Manager Development Directorate
Mr Cai Larsen, Cadeirydd Ffederasiwn Penaethiaid Cynradd
Mrs Alwen Watkin, Cadeirydd Ffederasiwn Penaethiaid Uwchradd

R H A G L E N

1. Ymddiheuriadau

Ymddiheuriadau am fod yn absennol

2. Datgan Buddiant Personol

I dderbyn unrhyw ddatganiad o fuddiant personol.

3. Cofnodion

Cadarnhau cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Fforwm a gynhaliwyd 19 Tachwedd 2013.
(Copi yn amgaaedig – papur **gwyn**)

4. Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion

- i) Eitem 3(a) – Adolygu Fformiwla Uwchradd (ar lafar) **OO**
- ii) Eitem 3(b) – Adolygu Fformiwla Cynradd (ar lafar) **OO**
- iii) Eitem 5(d) – Cyllido Addysg Ôl-16 oed (papur **melyn**) **DRJ**
(copi o lythyr Yr Aelod Cabinet i'r Llywodraeth
copi o ymateb y Gweinidog Addysg a hefyd
copi o lythyr y Pennaeth Addysg i ysgolion 6ed dosbarth)

5. Cyllideb 2014/15 a Strategaeth Ariannol 2014/15 – 2017/18 (papur gwyrdd) **DOW**

Cysylltiad i'r adroddiad llawn er gwybodaeth :

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/ADNPwyllgorau/2013-14/Cabinet/2014-02-18/Cymraeg/09_02_Atodiad%201%20Strategaeth%20Ariannol.pdf

6. Balansau Ysgolion

- i) adrodd ar gynnydd ym malansau 8 ysgol yn ystod 2012/13 (papur **pink**) **HO**
- ii) amcangyfrif balansau ysgolion 31 Mawrth 2014 (papur **hufen**) **HO**
- iii) ymgynghori ar sefydlu trothwy o 5% neu £50,000 / £100,000 **DRJ**
pa un bynnag yw'r lleiaf
(copi o lythyr y Pennaeth Addysg i ysgolion)

7.. Cytundebau Lefel Gwasanaeth GwE 2014/15 :

- i) copi o lythyr y Pennaeth Addysg - (papur **eog**) **DRJ**
- ii) adrodd ar lafar ar sail sylwadau a dderbynnir

8.. Cytundebau Lefel Gwasanaeth 2014/15 - adnewyddu cytundebau

OO

- Gwybyddiaeth a Dysgu
- Integreiddio
- Uned Cefnogi Ysgolion Cynradd
- Llyfrgell
- Archifau
- Arlwyaeth
- Cyngor Ariannol
- Rheoli Banc, Incwm a Buddsoddiadau
- Cyflogau a Personel

diweddariad ar lafar gyda sylwadau ysgolion yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Fforwm ym mis Mehefin

9.. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf

I nodi y cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf o'r Fforwm Cyllideb Ysgolion ar ddydd Mercher, **18 Mehefin 2014 yn Nhremadog.**

10.. Unrhyw fater arall

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Forum held on 19 November 2013.
(Copy enclosed – **white** paper)

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- i) Item 3(a) – Review of the Secondary Schools’ Formula (verbal) **OO**
- ii) Item 3(b) – Review of the Primary Schools’ Formula (verbal) **OO**
- iii) Item 5(d) – Financing Post 16 Education (**yellow** paper) **DRJ**
(copy of the Education Cabinet Member’s letter to the Government
copy of the Education Minister’s response and also
copy of the Head of Education’s letter to sixth form schools)

5. 2014/15 Budget and 2014/15 – 2017/18 Financial Strategy (green paper) DOW

Link to the complete report, for information, as follows:

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/ADNPwyllgorau/2013-14/Cabinet/2014-02-18/Cymraeg/09_02_Atodiad%201%20Strategaeth%20Ariannol.pdf

6. Schools’ Balances

- i) report on progress regarding balances of 8 schools during 2012/13 (**pink** paper) **HO**
- ii) school balances’ estimates 31 March 2014 (**cream** paper) **HO**
- iii) consultation on establishing a threshold of 5% or £50,000 / £100,000 **DRJ**
whichever is the lowest
(copy of the Head of Education’s letter to schools)

7.. GwE’s Service Level Agreements 2014/15 : DRJ

- i) copy of Head of Education’s letter - (**salmon** paper)
- ii) verbal report on the basis of comments received

8.. Service Level Agreements 2014/15 – renewing agreements OO

- Cognition and Learning
- Integration
- Primary Schools’ Support Unit

- Library
- Archives
- Catering
- Financial Advice
- Management of Banking, Income and Investments
- Salaries and Personnel

Verbal up-date with comments from schools being submitted to the Forum in June

9. Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Schools Finance Forum will be held on Wednesday,
18 June 2014 in Tremadog.

10. Any Other Business

SCHOOLS' BUDGET FORUM
Minutes of a meeting held at the former
St Mary's Church, Tremadog
on 19 November 2013 from 1.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr Godfrey Northam - Chairman

Cabinet Members: Councillor Siân Gwenllian (Education)
Councillor Peredur Jenkins (Resources)

Corporate Director: Mr Dilwyn Williams

School Heads: Mr Alun Llwyd (Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen), Mr Eifion Jones (Ysgol Brynrefail), Mr Vaughan Williams (Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen), Mr Gwyn Howells (Ysgol y Gelli), Mrs Sianelen Fleming (Ysgol Llanaelhaearn), Mrs Esme Spencer (Ysgol Baladeulyn), Mrs Menna Wynne Pugh (Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn).

Governors: Mr Gwynne Pierce (Primary Sector)
Mr Walter Williams (Secondary Sector)

Officers: Mr Dewi Jones (Head of Education)
Mr Hefin Owen (Development Finance Manager)
Mr Owen Owens (Senior Manager, Education)
Mrs Glynda O'Brien (Members' Support and Scrutiny Officer)

Apologies: Mr Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Mr Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Mr Emyr Hughes (Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle), Mr Dylan Roberts (Ysgol Cymerau), Mrs Iona Jones (Ysgol Bro Cynfal and Ysgol Edmwnd Prys), Mrs Donna Roberts (Pendalar and Hafod Lon Schools), Reverend Robert Townsend (Church Schools).

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mr Hefin Owen, Development Finance Manager, declared an interest concerning Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen as his wife was Chair of the Governing Body of that school.

2. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting of the Schools' Budget Forum that took place on 25 June 2013 as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Item 6 (a) – Reviewing the Secondary Formula

The Development Finance Manager reported that there was nothing to report on the above, however, the Secondary Formula Review Group would meet on 27 November 2013.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(b) Item 6 (ch) - Primary Schools' Allocation Formula Review

The Senior Education Manager reported that there was nothing to report on the above as the Task Group had not met thus far.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(c) Item 6(d) – GwE Service Level Agreement (Schools' Efficiency and Improvement)

The Head of Education reported that the above matter was currently being reviewed under the care of Mr Huw Foster Evans, Chief Officer GwE. It was further noted that it had not been possible to hold a Task Group as the primary schools (except for a few) had not signed the Service Level Agreement. Information was shared with the secondary sector recently regarding the budget to commission the new service when it was noted that there was a permanent saving in the service. The GwE Joint Committee resolved to use the underspend to create an extensive budget to enable the Chief Officer to build more support into the organization with the intention of dealing more with schools in the green and yellow categories.

In terms of the primary sector, namely those schools who had not signed the agreement, the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Federation and it was trusted that a positive response would be received following this. All the schools had received a letter from Mr Huw Foster Evans, Chief Officer, and had met him recently and the Head of Education trusted that the schools would be more confident in the future and they could move forward.

The meeting was reminded of what had been noted at the previous meeting of the Forum namely, "that the contract was equivalent to £250,000 and if schools did not agree to commit then it would be necessary for the Authority to reclaim the money from the schools budget next year".

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(ch) Item 7 (b) – School Balances

- (i) The Development Finance Manager reminded the Forum that eight schools had been identified who had established their budget and estimate of the actual balances much higher than what was anticipated by the schools. The Finance Unit looked into the matter, however, unfortunately there was no comprehensive conclusion and the Forum was requested to defer the matter and discuss it at the next meeting when a written report would be submitted.
- (ii) In terms of legal counsel regarding the operating procedures and legislation to use balances over 8% or exceeding £50k/£100k, it was proposed to re-visit the Legal Unit to find out if the Finance Unit had the right to act on the level of balances on 1 April before the schools established their budgets.
- (iii) The Development Finance Manager noted that he had not consulted with schools as a follow-up to the resolution at the previous meeting of the Forum to go out to consult formally with schools to commit to establish a threshold of 5% or £50,000/£100,000 whichever was the lowest, as a written letter had

been received from the Welsh Government stating that they were going to review this element.

The Development Finance Manager expanded on the four options for the Forum namely:

- (a) Not to act
- (b) Give guidance to schools regarding balances over the threshold of 5%
- (c) Use power to act in accordance with the legislation to take money back when schools have a surplus having set a budget over the threshold of £50,000 / £100,000.
- (d) Consult formally with schools to commit to establish a threshold of 5% or £50,000 / £100,000 whichever is the lowest.

A Member noted the need to stress to schools, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that this referred to the surplus and not the balances as a whole.

The Cabinet Member for Education expanded on the national picture following a recent meeting with the Minister for Education when it was stated that schools had £69m in reserve which corresponded to £154 per pupil and local authorities had powers to recoup monies. The Cabinet Member was of the view that whilst she accepted that schools kept money in reserve for unexpected plans, she appealed to the Forum to consult with schools and that they should be in a situation where money was used on pupils who are currently in the schools.

The Member noted that there was a risk to push schools to spend all their balances and this was more irresponsible and created a risk to those schools.

In response, the Development Finance Manager stressed that schools had to be responsible by setting their budget and ensure that the balances were reasonable. It would be disappointing to realise that a school established a budget and did not spend it, but it was also understood that matters arose specifically in the secondary sector during the year such as a member of staff resigning or retiring. It was further noted that a clear and transparent system was required that was understandable to all.

Following a vote:

Resolved: Unanimously, to request that the Development Finance Manager formally consults with schools in order to commit to establishing a threshold of 5% or £50,000 /£100,000, whichever is the lowest.

(d) Item 10 – Increasing Decentralisation

The Development Finance Manager referred to the response of the Education Minister to the Welsh Local Government Association regarding devolving funding to schools that stated “that he was heartened by the progress made since 2010 with delegated expenditure to schools having increased from 76.2% in 2011-12 to 82.3% in 2013-14”. The letter further stated that Robert Hill in his report on the future provision of education services in Wales presented a number of options regarding finance for education and schools and whilst he focused on financial issues, he did not focus on the current form of delegation. However, the report suggested that a

new target should be formulated using a more logical basis by noting a specific block of finance for statutory local authority functions (and other functions that could not be sensibly delegated such as school transport and coordinated access) with a specific finance block for schools. It would then be expected that all or nearly all the expenditure blocks would be delegated to schools. The Education Minister noted that the observations of WLGA were supported by several submissions to the public consultation on the Robert Hill report and he would welcome a discussion on how attention and energy could be re-focused towards a wider range of financial options within the Hill report.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(dd) Item 11 – Robert Hill Report commissioned by the Minister for Education.

The Head of Education reported that stemming from the Robert Hill report, a Leadership Development Board had been established and it was pleasing to congratulate Mr Alun Llwyd, Head of Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen and Mr Rhys Hughes, Head of Ysgol Cae Top, Bangor, on their election to serve on the Board.

Significant national discussion had taken place and Mr Huw Foster Evans, Chief Officer of GwE, was part of those discussions in the context of developing a new National Model that would give guidance to the four regional consortia that had now been established in Wales. It was anticipated that the model would entail looking again at the constitution of the GwE Joint Committee with an Executive Board that could mean less local influence.

From the areas of discussion, it was noted that the most contentious issue was did the national procedure replace local powers? It was further noted that four national Groups had been established to consider the following four areas:

- (1) What is the purpose and intent of the regional services?
- (2) What is the commissioning procedure and the governance arrangements?
- (3) What are the budgets and the business plans?
- (4) Develop the idea that schools assist each other.

It was expected that the Welsh Local Government Association would support the new National Model and sign it on 30 November this year and by February 2014 it was expected that the four regional consortia would submit business plans with the new Model operational on 1 April 2014.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

5. THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Mr Dilwyn Williams, Corporate Director, presented a report to Members of the Forum and drew specific attention to the following points:

- (a) Reference was made to the following table that demonstrated the Council's original strategy that predicted that the savings plans for 2013/14 and 2014/15 were more than sufficient to meet the deficit for those years, however, it would be necessary to establish a series of further savings for 2015/16 and 2016/17:

£m	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
Deficit planned for	1.9	4.7	9.8	8.4	24.8
Savings already found	3.6	4.6	0.5	-	8.7
Further necessary savings	(1.7)	0.1	9.3	8.4	16.1

(b) The above was based on a statement from the Welsh Government in February this year that local government grant would increase by 0.8% in 2014/15 which would mean an increase of around £500,000 in the Cyngor Gwynedd grant.

(c) By now, the draft settlement claimed that the local government grant would reduce on average across Wales in 2014/15. However, the actual reduction was higher due to the way the Government had dealt with the Council Tax and the new money given to fund the loans scheme to improve roads. Taking these two issues into consideration, the actual reduction across Wales was nearer 4% and the reduction in Gwynedd near -4.7%. This was equivalent to a grant reduction of £8.3m for Gwynedd Council.

(ch) In terms of the implications to School budgets, until the Cabinet had considered all the options open to them, it was noted that it was difficult to be specific regarding what would happen to the schools budget; however, currently they were discussing the following:

- Accept that they would adapt budgets to take demography into consideration (this would have a varied impact on different schools according to increase/reduction in the number of pupils)
- To note that schools would accept an increase in the grant for pupils from deprived backgrounds (that would be of varied benefit to schools according to the number of relevant children they have)
- Otherwise, retain school budgets roughly as they are this year (inflation on wages and 'other' additional inflation given to schools for this year would be above what they needed together with a small addition by the Council this would be sufficient to meet with inflation)
- Because of the situation that was becoming evident in Meirionnydd, until a plan had been established to answer the problems of the Secondary sector there, it was proposed to present a security scheme for any Secondary school with fewer than 260 pupils at the Council's cost.
- There would be minor changes to individual schools because of the way the formula worked (because of the impact of the number of children who receive free school meals for example) and as a result of this security given to schools no other bids would be considered (this could mean having to fund the increase in the demand for free breakfast from the current budget).

The Corporate Director stressed that if the Cabinet could realise the above wish, this would place schools in a much better position than any of the Council's other services.

It was further noted that no plans had yet been discussed for 2015/16 and therefore the Corporate Director could not give assurance what would happen in that year. If there was any intention to implement a reduction in the schools budget an assurance was given to the Forum that they would be informed as soon as possible and it was anticipated that there would be discussions on this in the period April – June 2014.

(d) During the ensuing discussion the awareness of the Forum was raised regarding the Secondary sector and their concern regarding the unexpected news in the way of funding post 16 education from April 2014 onwards. This would have a significant impact on schools with a sixth form and it was suggested that a letter should be submitted to the Welsh Government in the name of the Cabinet Member for Education stating discontent regarding the cuts in the grant, the method and the timetable for implementation.

(dd) In response, the Head of Education referred to a letter received from the Head and Chair of Governors at Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen that anticipated, on the basis of the Government's new funding, that the budget would be equivalent to 28% of the sixth form budget received for the last three years. It was asked that the Authority capped and set a 'safety net' to any cut to individual schools at 10% for the 2014-15 year only, this would enable schools to plan for the level and budget system in the future retaining the commitment to the students currently in Year 12. The Head of Education noted that the Post 16 Consortium had been set up to look at courses and how they could be rationalised for 2014 and the following years. It was ensured that the Education Service would hold discussions and consider the way forward.

Resolved: (a) To accept and note the contents of the corporate Director's report on the financial strategy.

(b) To accept and note the contents of the letter from the Head and Chairman of the Governors at Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen raising the Forum's awareness of how schools will be effected as a result of cuts to the post 16 grants from the Welsh Government.

(c) To request that the Cabinet Member for Education submits a letter to the Welsh Government conveying the discontent of the Forum to the cuts in funding post 16 education, as highlighted in (d) and (dd) above.

6. SCHOOL BALANCES – REPORT TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

Submitted: The Head of Education's report together with a recent publication by the Welsh Government on school balances, 31 March 2013.

The Development Finance Manager referred to a table attached to the report that compared the balances of Gwynedd schools with the remainder of the local authorities in Wales, and it was seen that the percentage of balances in Gwynedd schools against the devolved budget was 4.5% compared with the Wales average of 3.3%. It was noted that the comparatively high level of balances in Gwynedd schools continued to cause concern as some schools did not currently make the best use of the finance available for pupils within the education system. It was stressed also that the high level of balances in some Gwynedd schools could create a barrier when the Education Cabinet Member tried to protect schools from high financial cuts.

The Head of Education added that Robert Hill suggested a national model in his report and the reasons why schools were in the good category should be considered and those considerations included financial management. It was further suggested that if schools were consistently in the green category, that they should not be concerned, however, if a school was categorised as amber or red and carried balances forward then detailed consideration should be given to their position and ensure that the budget was used for educational standards.

Resolved: (a) To accept and note the contents of the report.

(b) To request that the Development Finance Manager when formally consulting schools regarding the balances (as outlined in Item 3 (ch) above) includes a paragraph of explanation as a background to Head teachers of the importance of the above.

7. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

(a) Update of the Service Level Agreements 2013/14

The Senior Education Manager reported on the 2013/14 Service Level Agreement as follows:

(i) Integration – that the agreement had been extended for another year and every school had committed to it.

(ii) Cognition and Learning Team – that one primary school had not continued with the agreement.

(ii) Maintenance – Secondary - that one secondary school was late responding and it was promised that the education authority would accept a signed agreement however, they were still awaiting the agreement.

(iii) Maintenance – Primary – that seven schools had committed to the agreement whilst the remainder had abstained from signing as a result of discussions regarding the workload of head teachers. It was noted that a great deal of work had been undertaken to respond to concerns and it was trusted that things could proceed quite soon.

(iv) Governors' Clerk - seven schools had committed to this Agreement and now three members of staff had been appointed to the Clerks' pool with one permanent officer.

(b) Service Level Agreements that need to be reviewed for April 2014

The Senior Education Manager reported that several agreements were winding up and needed to be renewed namely:

- (i) Primary Sector
 - Libraries
 - Archives
 - Cognition and Learning Team
 - Integration
 - Education Support Unit (Area Office)

- (ii) Primary and Special Schools - Catering

- (iii) Primary, Secondary and Special Schools
 - Financial Advice
 - Bank Management
 - Wages and Personnel
 - Land maintenance

It was noted that schools were already familiar with the above except for the Grounds Maintenance agreement and it was proposed to consult with them and to present draft versions to include amendments.

In terms of the Grounds Maintenance agreement, the specification would be common to every school but showing different surfaces of the specific schools.

In response to a query from a Member it was confirmed that the Cleaning service level agreement would be renewed in March 2015.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

It was reported that the next date had been determined for 20 February 2014, however, it was understood that a meeting for governors had been organised for this date and it was asked if it was possible to change the Forum date.

Resolved: To request that the Members' Support Officer finds another date for the next Forum meeting.

CHAIRMAN

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02 December 2013

Huw Lewis AM
Minister for Education and Skills
Llywodraeth Cymru
Bae Caerdydd
CAERDYDD
CF99 INA

Dear Huw Lewis

Re: Local Authority Sixth Form Indicative Funding 2014-15 – Subject to formal offer of grant funding

Further to your letter dated 30th October 2013, I regret to inform you that the proposals contained therein have caused considerable disquiet and anxiety amongst the county's secondary school head teachers as a result of the scale of the funding reduction and the potential impact on current 6th form pupils.

Following receipt of the indicative grant allocation for 2014/15 we find that Gwynedd post 16 Schools face a cash reduction of £288,358 (8.6%), equivalent to a real terms reduction of £321,716 (9.6%).

For the following reasons we respectfully request that you consider improving the 10% local authority funding reduction cap that you already have in place :

1. Schools have not received any prior indicative financial information of the effect of the new funding system and its methodology. We have therefore been unable to plan for this significant and unexpected financial reduction. Current school funding legislation includes a duty for Local Authorities to provide "...an estimate of the schools budget shares for the following two funding periods...", this has not been received for the post 16 grant.
2. Pupil numbers at Gwynedd School 6th Forms in September 2009 714, September 2010 729, and October 2013 718 and predicted to be 812 in September 2014. The methodology adopted to feed the new funding system only provides funding for 685 pupils for the financial year 2014/15, significantly less than the current programme numbers and predicted programme numbers for September 2014. We question the rationale in the methodology of including predicted pupil number reductions for September 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the four year average used. This results in accelerating grant reduction in advance of a predicted reduction in pupil numbers. It does not appear ethical that today's pupils receive less funding because of predicted future pupil number reductions. Moving from the principle of funding the next financial year 100% based on current provision, that is the actual number and current study programmes, to the principle of funding based upon crude and uncertain predicted numbers and study programmes over the next three years is unreasonable. This leads to a significant difference in funding to existing provision at Local Authority level and especially individual school level.
3. The reduction is contrary to Wales Government's Education Funding Commitment.
4. Schools are committed to continuing the education provision currently provided for year 12 pupils who will transfer to year 13 in September 2014.
5. Although the distribution of the post 16 grant to individual schools is a matter for the Local Authority, an across the board distribution option would lead to a 9.6% real terms cut for all schools, whereas

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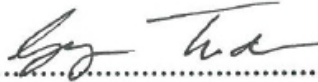

another logical distribution option would lead to real term cuts for the three worst hit individual schools of £191,081 (27.5%), £57,544 (20.8%) and £94,519 (10.0%).

There is a significant risk that the implementation of such significant reductions in a rushed manner will be extremely detrimental to the quality of education for these pupils. The way to ensure that we do not face such catastrophic consequences is to manage the reduction in a reasonable and prudent manner and we would therefore urge you to review the funding cap as a matter of urgency. Our request is for an improved local authority funding cap of 5% or less which, if approved, would be a welcome funding increase. However some schools would still face a significant financial reduction. Time is certainly against us and we would appreciate a prompt response which we can share with Pupils, Parents, Staff and Governors.

Yours faithfully



Cyng. Sian Gwennllian
Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for
Education and Children & Young People


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Headteacher - Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen
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Headteacher - Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle



Eich cyf/Your ref SG/AAS
Ein cyf/Our ref HL/01884/13

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20 December 2013

Dear Sian

Re: Local Authority Sixth Form Indicative Funding 2014-15 – Subject to formal offer of grant funding.

Thank you for your letter regarding the Local Authority Sixth Form Funding 2014-15 and specifically regarding indicative allocations announced to Gwynedd Local Authority.

Communication of the 2014-15 indicative allocations follows a period of three years where allocations to Local Authorities have been broadly frozen at 2009-10 funding levels.

During that period a number of Local Authorities have seen increases in learner numbers and were expected to manage those increases within the funding allocations. Conversely, many Local Authorities experienced reductions in learner numbers but had their funding maintained.

In the case of Gwynedd, the 2009-10 allocation was based on 720 learners and during the period where the funding model did not apply, fundable learners fluctuated between 730 and 698 learners.

Whilst these variations were widely accepted by Local Authorities and welcomed as a period of stability, the Planning and Funding Review was tasked with adjusting these baselines to reflect changes in demography and staying on rates as part of the introduction of the new Planning and Funding Framework.

The method applied to adjust the baselines for 2014-15 and to inform future year's allocations uses actual sixth form numbers for the last three years¹ and actual 16-18 population data² to create a derived 'staying-on' rate. This staying on rate has then been used, alongside known 16-18 population data to predict the number of learners likely to remain in sixth forms in 2014-15. Therefore, whilst predictions do play a role in the derivation of the allocations they have been based on the latest available data.

The predicted number of learners derived using this methodology in Gwynedd is 685 for 2014-15. Given the latest known cohort of learners, in 2012, was 698 and 16-18 demography in Gwynedd continues to decline, this would seem a reasonable prediction.

Since notification of the indicative allocations Gwynedd, along with all other Local Authorities, has been asked to plan provision for 2014-15. Plans returned by Gwynedd show an indicative learning cohort of 812 learners despite the falling demography. Officials are currently meeting each Local Authority to discuss these plans and the likelihood of a 20 per cent increase in the expected staying on rate being realistically delivered in 2014-15.

The outcomes of these discussions will not affect the derivation of the 2014-15 allocations, but should the planned numbers identified by Gwynedd actually be delivered in 2014-15 these numbers will be used to inform allocations in the future.

I hope this explanation of the methodology applied gives you more information about the rationale used to derive the allocations.

Your letter also raises a number of other points that I would like to respond to individually:

1. The school funding legislation that you refer to only places a duty on a Local Authority to provide an estimate of the schools budget shares for the following two funding periods for the pre-16 element of school funding. I do, however, recognise the importance of three year indicative allocations for sixth form provision and an outcome of the Post-16 Planning and Funding Review is to provide Local Authorities with three year indicative allocations when we are in a position to do so.
2. The rationale for the methodology used to predict learner numbers is set out above.
3. As with point 1 the Welsh Government's education funding commitment has been applied to compulsory education only.
4. The distribution of the post-16 grant to schools is a matter for the local authority and how it chooses to recognise individual school commitment is for the local authority to determine.
5. Again, the distribution of the post-16 grant to schools is a matter for the local authority. The option detailed obviously reflects that the three schools highlighted were offered a level of 'protection' whilst the previous funding model was set aside. In the same way that applying this 'protection' was a matter for the local authority, the removal of this protection is also a matter for the local authority.

¹ September PLASC data submitted by the Local Authority

² StatWales population data

Finally you request the funding cap is reviewed. Given the well publicised budget reductions that have been imposed on the post-16 education budget I am unable to support the request for any change to the funding cap. The adjusting of baselines was necessary to bring local authorities into line with demographic changes that have occurred since setting aside the previous funding system.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'.

Huw Lewis AC / AM

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2 December 2013

To school headteachers:

Dyffryn Ogwen, Friars, Tryfan, Brynrefail, Syr Hugh Owen, Dyffryn Nantlle,
Y Berwyn

Dear Colleagues

Re: Post- 16 grant 2014/2015

May I first of all thank you all for your contributions to the discussion that was held last week, and above all for your meaningful comments. The greatest handicap as regards this field this year is that no prior warning was given or an opportunity provided to plan beforehand for the change that faces us that compels us to take a reactive instead of a pro-active approach.

Prior to the meeting, I wished to ensure a scenario whereby the LEA would be willing to support a fair and inclusive dissemination method for all our schools, bearing in mind that no money has thus far been disseminated. That was my intention, - my apologies that I did not make that wholly clear and that two of my comments contradicted one another to an extent.

Since the meeting, I have deliberated on this based on your opinion as well as on my personal viewpoint, through consultation and discussion with Dafydd Edwards, Head of Finance, and Hefin Owen, Finance Manager. I thank both of them for their guidance and desire to try and support you as headteachers in your efforts to ensure the best possible provision for our young people.

Based on this, I have presented my comments and opinion about this field to the Cabinet Member for Education that has in turn led to the decision for which an explanation is provided below. This is the dissemination plan for 2014/2015 that is of course a 'once and for all' plan.

1. Distribute Post-16 Grant Total based on statistics on 22 October 2013, recognizing the BAC as full A level, the financial value of Welsh Government programmes, and include the 3 'uplift' as obtained. As the total produced far exceeds the available grant, the amount of allocation for each school 'pro rata' must be reduced so as to reconcile with the total grant available. For 2014/2015, the full allocation is adjusted either up or down in accordance with the once and for all protection plan outlined in no 2 below. (See supplementary spreadsheet).
2. Establish a once and for all protection plan for 2014/2015 through investing £160,858 of Gwynedd Council money in addition to the Post-16 Grant, due to the substantial and unexpected grant reduction in real terms between 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.
3. If approval is given to our application to the Government, based on the letter sent, any additional funding received will be reimbursed to Gwynedd Council up to the cost of the

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protection plan of £160,858. Any amount received above that will be disseminated on a 'pro rata' basis to the final allocation including the protection.

4. Following further consideration, I will not ask you to submit any additional evidence or information to justify the need for additional investment.
 5. We all realise that this additional once and for all investment will not bridge the financial gap in our organization or the implications. However, I hope that it will assist you to make more considered preparations for September 2014.
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2015/2016 and beyond

In case we lose sight of forward thinking and planning, we share head teachers concerns about the new funding formula for 2014/2015 that has led to a grant reduction of over £5m for schools in Wales. Here are the most obvious elements:

- contents of statistics based on average future number projections
- no clear recognition of the BAC
- Possible implications if the BAC becomes mandatory as from September 2015 as expected.

Following our meeting, the Finance Manager has already contacted the designated officers of the Welsh Government to share our concerns, requesting a meeting as soon as possible to discuss grant distribution for 2015/2016. Heflin Owen will provide you with an up-date on developments.

Yours sincerely

Dewi R Jones

Dewi R Jones
Head of Education

Copy: Cllr Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education
Harry Thomas, Chief Executive
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Heflin Owen, Finance Manager
Owen Owens, Senior Manager Education
Gwynedd Secondary School Head teachers

Post 16 Grant 2014/15

				2013/14	Number of Programmes (including WBQ) 22 October 2013			2014/15													
				£3,336,088	2	3	4+	£45,886	£227,660	£314,646	£3,047,733					Final Decision					
				Grant 2013/14	£2,608	£3,377	£4,147	Pupils	Deprivation	Sparsity	Welsh Medium	Estimated Notional 2014/15 Grant	Estimated Grant 2014/15 (following 'pro rata' reduction)	estimated 'cash' reduction/increase	estimated 'cash' reduction/increase	estimated 'real terms' reduction/increase	estimated 'real terms' reduction/increase	One off action plan based upon halving the real terms financial effect of any increase/decrease through an additional £160,858 from Gwynedd Council	Total grant distribution and one off action plan	Real terms reduction/increase between 2013/14 and 2014/15	Real terms reduction/increase between 2013/14 and 2014/15
6th Form Pupil Numbers September 2013	6th Form Pupil Numbers 22/10/13	6th Form Pupil Numbers September 2013	6th Form Pupil Numbers 22/10/13	£276,757		5	42	£191,059	£0	£34,369	£25,756	£251,184	£221,980	£54,777	-19.8%	£57,544	-20.8%	£28,772	£250,752	£28,772	-10.4%
4002	Dyffryn Ogwen	47	47	£276,757		5	42	£191,059	£0	£34,369	£25,756	£251,184	£221,980	£54,777	-19.8%	£57,544	-20.8%	£28,772	£250,752	£28,772	-10.4%
4004	Brynrefail	109	108	£522,089		14	94	£437,096	£751	£57,475	£58,947	£554,269	£489,826	£32,263	-6.2%	£37,484	-7.2%	£18,742	£508,568	£18,742	-3.6%
4007	Dyffryn Nantlle	68	68	£288,591		6	62	£277,376	£1,898	£34,214	£28,737	£342,226	£302,436	£13,845	4.8%	£10,960	3.8%	£5,480	£296,957	£5,480	1.9%
4033	Y Berwyn	68	68	£286,625		4	64	£278,916	£0	£32,436	£31,496	£342,847	£302,986	£16,361	5.7%	£13,495	4.7%	£6,747	£296,239	£6,747	2.4%
4036	Friars	225	226	£948,447		74	152	£880,242	£18,188	£16,103	£62,471	£977,004	£863,412	£85,035	-9.0%	£94,519	-10.0%	£47,260	£910,672	£47,260	-5.0%
4037	Tryfan	88	86	£319,160		25	61	£337,392	£5,141	£28,587	£32,632	£403,752	£356,809	£37,649	11.8%	£34,458	10.8%	£17,229	£339,581	£17,229	5.4%
4039	Syr Hugh Owen	118	115	£694,419		24	91	£458,425	£19,908	£24,476	£74,607	£577,416	£510,282	£184,137	-26.5%	£191,081	-27.5%	£95,541	£605,823	£95,541	-13.8%
		723	718	£3,336,088	0	152	566	£2,860,506	£45,886	£227,660	£314,646	£3,448,698	£3,047,733	£288,355	-8.6%	£321,716	-9.6%	£160,858	£3,208,591	£160,858	-4.8%

1 Schools

- 1.1 The Welsh Government have noted that they have protected the Local Government Grant in order to ensure a lower reduction in school budgets compared with other services. The implication presumably is that we would have seen a reduction greater than 4.4% had they not given us this protection.
- 1.2 Our approach towards this to date has been to continue to plan on the basis of what the Council would wish to do for schools then measuring that against the Welsh Government's proposals and consider whether there is a need to adjust anything in order to comply with the promise.
- 1.3 This rule means that there is a need to ensure that this year, schools receive an increase of +0.45%. As noted last year, this raises the basic question as to how logical it is for the Council to continue to deliver the Welsh Government's wishes when we will have to cut other services to pay for it. We do not know of course what the effect would be of not complying in terms of Welsh Government response and the response of the schools themselves.
- 1.4 The figures in the budget shown above (which include ensuring that schools receive the necessary increase in their budgets to meet inflation etc) along with other actions noted in this section, mean that we will fulfil this requirement this year.
- 1.5 Therefore, unlike other services, for the third year in a row, overall the schools budget will not face having to find savings in 2014/15 other than to face the usual adjustments that arise from the change in pupil numbers, with some schools benefiting and some losing out.
- 1.6 However in order to understand the overall context, it is important that the Cabinet is aware of what is happening with grants given to schools by the Welsh Government.
- 1.7 In 2014/15 Gwynedd schools will benefit nearly £900,000 due to increased deprivation grant that schools receive with about £520,000 going to the primary sector and about £374,000 going to the secondary sector. Of course the distribution to individual schools will depend on the number of children in individual schools eligible for free school meals and it must be used to improve results amongst children from less privileged backgrounds.
- 1.8 However against this increase, the secondary sector will face a reduction of about £500,000 in post 16 and 14-19 network grant.
- 1.9 With a reduction of £840,810 in the budget due to a decrease in the number of children noted in paragraph 3.9 above, and these grant reductions, the

secondary sector is going to suffer substantially this year with the reduction approaching £1m.

- 1.10 In view of the unexpected grant reduction, the Schools Service is offering £160,000 on a one off basis from its own resources in order to assist the sector to acclimatise to this reduction in grant.
- 1.11 However, if we look at the demographic position on its own, the reduction in the number of pupils means that one school will fall below 260 pupils (which is the number whereby there are real doubts on the ability of a school to deliver the curriculum) and therefore it is suggested that we need a protection scheme for the secondary sector whereby the budget of secondary schools that fall under 260 pupils is protected until it is possible to find a longer term solution for schools of this size.
- 1.12 However, with two other schools nearing the figure of 260 pupils, this underlines the need to ensure a long term solution to the problem. Such a plan would cost £27,580 in 2014/15.
- 1.13 Taking into account the Council's priority in its Strategic Plan of improving children and young persons' educational standards, there is a question as to whether we should go further and consider the funding balance between the primary sector (which will see an increase of nearly £1m in its overall budget) and the secondary sector (which will see a similar reduction in its budget even after taking the above steps into account).
- 1.14 It may be the case that time does not allow us to consider such a policy now, but we must be alive to the fact that whilst the secondary sector will have planned for the demographic reduction, finding ways of dealing with the total reduction is not going to do anything to help the sector concentrate on educational attainment.
- 1.15 I recommend that we assist the sector to acclimatise to the reduction by giving them more time to cope with the situation and add to the sum that the education service itself plans to use to assist, by using balances to make a one off contribution of a further £250,000.

MEETING	SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM
DATE	4 March 2014
TITLE	Investigation into Estimated Balances vs Actual Balances
PURPOSE	Recognize direction of appropriate work
RECOMMENDATION	See section 3.
REPORT BY	Dewi R Jones, Head of Education
CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION	Cllr Sian Gwenllian

1. Background

1.1 Following a report on school balances presented to the Forum Meeting held on 25 June 2013, it was decided to investigate why the actual balances of several schools far exceeded those schools plans when setting their budget.

1.2 It was decided to target Primary and Special schools where their actual balances exceeded their estimated balances by over £40,000 after setting a budget, with a £70,000 threshold for Secondary schools.

1.3 As the table below indicates, 4 Primary Schools and 4 Secondary School exceeded the relevant threshold, with the actual balances of these eight schools being £636,997 above their estimated balances after establishing their budget for the financial year 2012/13.

ESTIMATED 1 ACTUAL

	Rhif Ysgol School No	Enw Ysgol School Name	Balansau Balances 31/03/2012	Defnydd balansau i osod cyllideb Use of balances to set the buget for 2012/13	Balansau wedi gosod cyllideb Balances after setting the budget 2012/2013	Gwir falansau Actual balances 31/03/2013	Increase between ESTIMATED 1 and ACTUAL
1	2212	Penybryn	126,858	67,778	59,080	103,414	44,334
2	3005	Maesincla	79,535	49,800	29,735	72,464	42,729
3	3013	Llandygai	54,162	31,674	22,488	67,094	44,607
4	3029	Tregarth	106,351	59,348	47,003	102,669	55,666
5	4003	Botwnnog	175,823	174,278	1,545	127,980	126,435
6	4009	Eifionydd	288,171	237,796	50,375	176,868	126,493
7	4037	Tryfan	226,223	135,638	90,585	177,021	86,436
8	4040	Glan Y Môr	256,333	116,273	140,060	250,358	110,298
			1,313,455	872,585	440,870	1,077,867	636,997

2. Investigation Results

Principal reasons for the difference between the original estimate and the actual balances -

2.1 Staffing Budget – staff turnover not planned in the budget (i.e. the information was not available when setting the budget): corresponding to approximately £257,000 of the difference.

2.2 Energy Budget – actual energy expenditure lower than the budget due to historical conservative attitude towards setting budget size and also in this financial year, there was too much provision for an energy price increase: equivalent to approximately £118,000 of the difference.

2.3 Budget for Specific Plans- slippage in budgeting for specific plans due to various reasons (including in maintenance, information technology and staffing): accounting for approximately £83,000 of the difference.

2.4 Income Budget – actual income exceeded the income budget that indicates a conservative attitude when setting an income total or target in the budget: corresponding to approximately £22,000 of the difference.

2.5 Grants Income – not recognize a grant when setting the budget. Information on certain grants arrives too late to set in the budget: corresponds to approximately £125,000 of the difference.

3. Conclusions and Recommendations

3.1 Ask the Education Department in collaboration with the Head of Finance to provide specific guidance for Schools and Governing Bodies for their budget setting and monitoring arrangements, including -

3.1.1 The importance of making efforts to establish a realistic budget.

3.1.2 Making an effort to identify and recognize savings at the first available opportunity.

3.1.3 Formally report to the Finance Sub-committee and/or the Governing Body on conclusions of financial monitoring reviews held during the year and consider use of any underspend recording the decision.

3.1.4 Review financial expectations within the 'School Development Plan' and find out if there is a requirement/opportunity to prioritize development plans when financial resources are available.

ITEM 6(ii)

MEETING	SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM
DATE	4 March 2014
TITLE	School Balances Projection on 31/3/2014
PURPOSE	Raise awareness and discuss
RECOMMENDATION	Consider whole context of the discussion
REPORT BY	Dewi R Jones, Head of Education
CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION	Cllr Sian Gwenllian

1. Background

1.1 Appendix 1 is presented that contains projection of total Gwynedd school balances on 31 March 2014.

2. Summary

2.1 It is suggested that the balances of all schools in Gwynedd may reduce by £200,000 (or above) by the end of the financial year 2013/14 to £3.539m, corresponding to 4.9% of schools financial allocation (this conclusion is based on the highest estimate of the Primary Schools range of balances)

2.2 It is suggested that a reduction may occur in number of schools with a financial deficit from 12 on 31 March 2013 to 7 (or fewer) on 31 March 2014.

3. Schools according to sector

3.1 Primary Schools balances projection range suggests that their balances may either remain around the same level as last year or increase up to £400,000 that would leave total balances of around £2.7m and therefore equivalent to 7.7%.

3.2 Projection for Secondary Schools suggests a possible reduction in balances by approximately £600,000 in comparison with last year that would leave total balances of approximately £0.8m and therefore correspond to 2.3%.

3.3 The projection for the two Special Schools suggests maximum balances of £30,000, and therefore equates to 1.4%.

4. Conclusions

4.1 As regards all schools in Gwynedd, a projected balances percentage of 4.9% is not unreasonably high as long as the schools are wholly aware why these balances are being kept.

4.2 Whilst giving detailed focus to a **sector** gives the impression that Primary Schools balances remain high and may further increase, school balances should be considered through scrutinizing the balances of **individual schools**.

4.3 Other reports included in the agenda of today's meeting have tried to tease out why some schools have high balances, and it is expected that the conclusions and recommendations will lead to some schools making better use of balances.

Balansau Ysgolion 31 Mawrth 2013 ac Amcangyfrif Balansau 31 Mawrth 2014

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a minus figure indicates that the school has increased its balance during the year

Rhif Ysgol School No	Enw Ysgol School Name	Balansau Balances 31/03/2013	defnydd balansau i osod cyllideb use of balances to set the budget for 2013/14	balansau wedi gosod cyllideb balances after setting the budget 2013/2014	amcangyfrif BRAS o falansau gan yr Uned Gyllid Datblygu a ROUGH estimate of balances by the Development Finance Unit 31/03/2014		uchafswm amcangyfrif balansau fel % o ddyranid 2013/14 maximum estimated balances as a % of the allocation for 2013/14	
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1	2000	Gwaun Gynfi	40,986	30,707	10,279	28,000	35,000	6.1%
2	2004	Nefyn	40,787	26,704	14,083	39,000	51,000	11.5%
3	2006	Llanrug	-7,324	-13,293	5,969	-12,000	-6,000	-0.8%
4	2008	Abererch	13,384	3,868	9,516	12,000	14,000	6.4%
5	2009	Abersoch	20,741	10,269	10,472	25,000	26,000	19.5%
6	2010	Beddgelert	17,317	11,574	5,743	11,000	14,000	8.2%
7	2011	Bethel	-14,380	0	-14,380	4,000	8,000	1.7%
8	2013	Bodfeurig	31,914	8,399	23,515	24,000	25,000	10.8%
9	2015	Borthygest	5,378	-3,898	9,276	11,000	13,000	6.3%
10	2016	Bronyfoel	32,050	16,010	16,040	28,000	30,000	16.8%
11	2017	Brynaerau	10,825	-2,859	13,684	19,000	20,000	8.2%
12	2024	Carmel	19,832	14,876	4,956	18,000	23,000	12.1%
13	2026	Y Gelli	39,515	20,773	18,742	40,000	53,000	8.0%
14	2028	Penybryn	31,023	21,675	9,348	17,000	22,000	5.3%
15	2033	Trefferthyr	45,096	28,992	16,104	33,000	38,000	10.6%
16	2035	Cwm Y Glo	25,914	2,412	23,502	35,000	36,000	16.6%
17	2036	Chwilog	-1,188	-1,966	778	7,000	9,000	4.2%
18	2039	Crud Y Werin	11,277	0	11,277	35,000	38,000	16.3%
19	2042	Dolbadarn	35,205	30,264	4,941	30,000	41,000	7.6%
20	2046	Edern	5,053	0	5,053	17,000	19,000	6.9%
21	2047	Felinwnda	10,451	7,022	3,429	12,000	13,000	8.0%
22	2048	Bro Plennydd	5,393	-5,578	10,971	8,000	10,000	3.7%
23	2049	Garndolbenmaen	9,952	2,575	7,377	13,000	16,000	7.3%
24	2051	Glanadda	24,147	11,728	12,419	20,000	24,000	10.5%
25	2057	Groeslon	37,036	23,582	13,454	50,000	52,000	19.0%
26	2059	Llanaelhaearn	-2,306	-2,306	0	1,000	6,000	3.4%
27	2060	Llanbedrog	6,955	-3,159	10,114	13,000	16,000	6.6%
28	2066	Llangybi	13,977	0	13,977	17,000	22,000	7.8%
29	2069	Llanllechid	47,858	17,797	30,061	44,000	67,000	8.1%
30	2070	Llanllyfni	47,628	2,236	45,392	26,000	29,000	8.3%
31	2075	Bab Morfa Nefyn	21,036	5,657	15,379	21,000	22,000	12.0%
32	2078	Baladeulyn	713	313	400	3,000	4,000	2.2%
33	2081	Nebo	21,829	9,226	12,603	18,000	21,000	12.2%
34	2085	Penisarwaen	20,369	5,266	15,103	26,000	29,000	13.3%
35	2089	Bro Llew	42,569	18,522	24,047	30,000	35,000	6.4%
36	2093	Pentreuchaf	16,529	9,172	7,357	4,000	9,000	2.8%
37	2097	Rhiwlas	-3,813	0	-3,813	-2,000	2,000	1.0%
38	2098	Rhosgadfan	-564	-2,122	1,558	8,000	13,000	6.6%
39	2099	Rhostryfan	-5,758	-5,758	0	-2,000	4,000	1.7%
40	2103	Sarn Bach	36,917	26,044	10,873	29,000	33,000	15.3%
41	2104	Eifion Wyn	34,524	-7,057	41,581	32,000	39,000	5.2%
42	2108	Talysarn	27,321	15,562	11,759	23,000	28,000	9.4%
43	2110	Y Gorlan	7,335	2,686	4,649	31,000	37,000	10.1%
44	2111	Yr Eifil	1,365	0	1,365	0	3,000	1.6%
45	2112	Tudweiliog	953	-4,480	5,433	12,000	13,000	6.6%
46	2113	Waunfawr	12,482	1,399	11,083	15,000	19,000	4.5%
47	2116	Glancegin	43,312	20,652	22,660	6,000	9,000	1.2%
48	2118	Bab Coed Mawr	37,181	12,861	24,320	37,000	38,000	16.3%
49	2119	Yr Hendre	-9,843	-9,843	0	-11,000	-5,000	-0.4%
50	2122	Bontnewydd	46,497	21,938	24,559	39,000	44,000	7.6%
51	2123	Y Garnedd	34,868	0	34,868	42,000	43,000	4.5%
52	2125	Cymerau	55,798	16,471	39,327	69,000	83,000	7.6%
53	2126	Abercaseg	77,907	40,003	37,904	64,000	66,000	17.6%
54	2127	Y Felinheli	26,881	20,866	6,015	15,000	17,000	3.4%
55	2180	Bala	32,664	7,248	25,416	57,000	63,000	17.0%
56	2181	Traeth	25,053	0	25,053	13,000	26,000	4.2%
57	2182	Clogau	-2,040	-2,040	0	4,000	7,000	3.7%
58	2183	Briithdir	17,468	3,991	13,477	14,000	17,000	10.0%
59	2185	Corris	44,053	3,678	40,375	41,000	46,000	22.2%
60	2187	Dinas Mawddwy	13,476	3,566	9,910	34,000	36,000	18.7%
61	2189	Dyffryn Ardudwy	8,616	238	8,378	17,000	18,000	8.6%
62	2190	Bro Cynfal	25,006	1,904	23,102	20,000	24,000	10.6%
63	2191	Ganllwyd	5,312	79	5,233	9,000	10,000	5.7%
64	2192	Edmwnd Prys	12,379	7,195	5,184	10,000	12,000	6.6%
65	2194	Llanbedr	3,248	-3,699	6,947	15,000	20,000	8.5%
66	2197	Llanelltyd	7,011	0	7,011	17,000	18,000	9.7%
67	2198	Y Garreg	19,292	14,362	4,930	20,000	26,000	17.3%
68	2199	O.M.Edwards	8,164	0	8,164	3,000	7,000	2.5%
69	2205	Manod	50,064	24,949	25,115	42,000	45,000	13.4%
70	2207	Pennal	14,331	-63	14,394	22,000	24,000	13.4%
71	2208	Cefn Coch	41,887	14,635	27,252	26,000	35,000	5.8%

Balansau Ysgolion 31 Mawrth 2013 ac Amcangyfrif Balansau 31 Mawrth 2014

mae ffigur minws yn adnabod ysgol sydd wedi ychwanegu at balansau 31/03/2013
a minus figure indicates that the school has increased its balance during the year

Rhif Ysgol School No	Enw Ysgol School Name	Balansau Balances 31/03/2013	defnydd balansau i osod cyllideb use of balances to set the budget for 2013/14	balansau wedi gosod cyllideb balances after setting the budget 2013/2014	
72	2210	Talsarnau	6,090	2,200	3,890
73	2211	Tanygrisiau	752	598	154
74	2212	Penybryn	103,414	69,845	33,569
75	2213	Bro Hedd Wyn	20,104	8,431	11,673
76	2214	Frongoch	13,288	0	13,288
77	2215	Ieuan Gwynedd	9,275	-3,207	12,482
78	2216	Friog	8,509	5,553	2,956
79	2219	Tan y Castell	26,525	11,215	15,310
80	2220	Ffridd y Llyn	29,036	7,073	21,963
81	2221	Maenofferen	31,759	0	31,759
82	2227	Hirael	43,481	0	43,481
83	2228	Craig y Deryn	0	0	0
84	3004	Pont y Gôf	16,406	15,143	1,263
85	3005	Maesincla	72,464	27,423	45,041
86	3009	Faenol	49,351	42,178	7,173
87	3010	Foelgron	16,647	6,389	10,258
88	3013	Llandygai	67,094	31,509	35,585
89	3018	Llandwrog	20,194	4,862	15,332
90	3023	Llanystumdwy	18,231	7,188	11,043
91	3029	Tregarth	102,669	44,763	57,906
92	3030	Cae Top	15,834	12,144	3,690
93	3037	Llanfachraeth	41,712	30,850	10,862
94	3041	Dolgellau	23,504	15,472	8,032
95	3300	Santes Helen	18,930	-4,548	23,478
96	3301	Our Lady	34,511	1,672	32,839
97	3305	Beuno Sant	17,277	5,943	11,334
CYNRADD / PRIMARY		2,283,945	874,521	1,409,424	

amcangyfrif BRAS o falansau gan yr Uned Gyllid Datblygu a ROUGH estimate of balances by the Development Finance Unit 31/03/2014		uchafswm amcangyfrif balansau fel % o ddyranid 2013/14 maximum estimated balances as a % of the allocation for 2013/14
rhwng / between	a / and	
16,000	20,000	10.7%
7,000	12,000	4.3%
41,000	63,000	8.4%
24,000	27,000	9.4%
33,000	34,000	20.6%
30,000	31,000	16.7%
10,000	13,000	7.7%
29,000	32,000	11.4%
35,000	37,000	15.6%
14,000	31,000	3.9%
26,000	47,000	7.5%
10,000	13,000	5.3%
13,000	18,000	5.1%
52,000	68,000	5.9%
55,000	59,000	8.7%
5,000	8,000	4.9%
58,000	63,000	12.8%
12,000	15,000	5.8%
10,000	14,000	8.6%
88,000	98,000	20.6%
30,000	50,000	5.9%
21,000	23,000	18.1%
19,000	35,000	6.2%
43,000	46,000	15.1%
21,000	29,000	7.3%
11,000	18,000	7.4%
2,211,000	2,708,000	7.7%

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a minus figure indicates that the school has increased its balance during the year

Rhif Ysgol School No	Enw Ysgol School Name	Balansau Balances 31/03/2013	defnydd balansau i osod cyllideb use of balances to set the budget for 2013/14	balansau wedi gosod cyllideb balances after setting the budget 2013/2014	
1	4002	Dyffryn Ogwen	107,424	75,687	31,737
2	4003	Botwnnog	127,980	116,840	11,140
3	4004	Brynrefail	98,221	41,087	57,134
4	4007	Dyffryn Nantlle	94,707	35,000	59,707
5	4009	Eifionydd	176,868	152,268	24,600
6	4030	Y Gader	-15,644	0	-15,644
7	4031	Y Moelwyn	172,715	63,889	108,826
8	4032	Tywyn	96,856	81,356	15,500
9	4033	Y Berwyn	-181,017	-13,900	-167,117
10	4034	Ardudwy	165,986	46,024	119,962
11	4036	Friars	59,547	59,547	0
12	4037	Tryfan	177,021	55,041	121,980
13	4039	Syr Hugh Owen	142,344	112,591	29,753
14	4040	Glan Y Môr	250,358	157,746	92,612
UWCHRADD / SECONDARY		1,473,367	983,176	490,191	

amcangyfrif yr ysgol o falansau the school's estimate of balances 31/03/2014	amcangyfrif balansau fel % o ddyranid 2013/14 estimated balances as a % of the allocation for 2013/14
131,000	6.9%
5,000	0.2%
72,000	2.1%
60,000	2.5%
107,000	5.6%
-63,000	-3.2%
130,000	7.3%
16,000	1.1%
-167,000	-9.6%
150,000	9.3%
0	0.0%
145,000	6.2%
35,000	0.9%
180,000	7.4%
801,000	2.3%

Rhif Ysgol School No	Enw Ysgol School Name	Balansau Balances 31/03/2013	defnydd balansau i osod cyllideb use of balances to set the budget for 2013/14	balansau wedi gosod cyllideb balances after setting the budget 2013/2014	
1	3502	Pendalar	-5,132	0	-5,132
2	3503	Hafod Lon	1,217	-12,247	13,464
ARBENNIG / SPECIAL		-3,915	-12,247	8,332	

amcangyfrif BRAS o falansau gan yr Uned Gyllid Datblygu a ROUGH estimate of balances by the Development Finance Unit 31/03/2014		uchafswm amcangyfrif balansau fel % o ddyranid 2013/14 maximum estimated balances as a % of the allocation for 2013/14
rhwng / between	a / and	
-5,000	5,000	0.4%
20,000	25,000	3.3%
15,000	30,000	1.4%

Cyfanswm / Total	3,753,397	1,845,450	1,907,947
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3,027,000	3,539,000	4.9%
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17 February 2014

To headteachers and chairpersons of Gwynedd school governing bodies

Dear Headteacher and Chair of Governors

School Balances Instruction Scheme Review

You will already be aware of the right that has been delegated to me to instruct Governing Bodies on how to spend an element of their balances. Failure to act as instructed would entail reimbursement of the Education Service centrally.

Under the current scheme, I can consider implementing the right to instruct in situations where primary school balances exceed £50,000 as well as over 8%, and in the secondary and special sector where balances exceed £100,000 and also above 8%. I note that the legislation on the matter only refers to the specific financial threshold of £50,000/£100,000 i.e. there is no reference to threshold **percentage**, therefore, our current scheme is much less rigid than the legislation.

A high level of school balances at a National level and in Gwynedd still receives focus at several levels including from the Minister for Education, parents/public, elected members of Gwynedd Council etc.

During the meeting held on 19 November 2013, the Forum unanimously decided to consult on reviewing the current scheme as follows:

- **Head of Education to consider implementing the entitlement to instruct schools how to spend an element of their balances in situations where balances exceed 5% or £50,000 (Primary) / £100,000 (Secondary and Special) whichever is the lowest.**

If the above revised scheme is to be established, every school will need to give approval returning **Appendix A** to us by the end of the day, 23 May 2014.

I note that the Cabinet Member for Education and myself support the revised scheme.

The full comments will be presented to the Schools Budget Forum at their meeting to be held in June 2014.

For your information, here is the link to the Schools Budget Forum reports on the internet
http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/gwy_doc.asp?cat=8068&doc=29857&Language=2&p=1&c=1

Yours sincerely

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

For consultation – Review of School Balances Instruction Scheme

During the meeting held on 19 November 2013, the Forum unanimously decided to consult on a review of the current Scheme as follows :

- **Head of Education to consider implementing the right to instruct schools how to spend an element of their balances in situations where balances exceed 5% or £50,000 (Primary) / £100,000 (Secondary and Special) which ever is the lower.**

<p>Agree with the Forum's decision.</p>	
<p>Disagree with the Forum's decision</p>	
<p>Any comments</p>	
<p>Signed : <p style="text-align: center;">Headteacher</p> <p>Signed: <p style="text-align: center;">Chair of Governors</p> <p>Date:</p> </p></p>	
<p>To be returned to Annie Sanson, Secretary to Head of Education, by 23 May 2014 anniesanson@gwynedd.gov.uk</p>	

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12 February 2014

To headteachers and chair of governors at Gwynedd schools

Dear Headteacher and Chair of Governors

Re: Curricular Support

You will all be aware that the 2013 Service Level Agreement between the LEA and all schools is based on the SLA between the Authority and GwE. It has been fully explained that this arrangement will be followed for this year as the new Improving Schools Service is established and begins to operate as an entity.

May I remind you of what I have presented to the Finance Forum, namely of the LEA's intention not to delegate the 'Curricular Support' funding to our schools as from 2014/2015. This will enable us to fully comply with the Minister for Education's guidance and eliminate the bureaucracy linked to the current SLA.

If you wish to comment on the Authority's intentions, please specify them on the designated handout (**Appendix A**) and return it to me by no later than **the end of the day, 3 March 2014**.

I will report on this matter to the Finance Forum and to the Council Cabinet and seek their support in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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