

<b>MEETING</b>	SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM
<b>DATE</b>	30 June 2015
<b>TITLE</b>	Education Improvement Grant 2015/16
<b>PURPOSE</b>	For your information
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approve the report
<b>REPORT BY</b>	Arwyn Thomas, Head of Education
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION</b>	Cllr Gareth Thomas

### 1. Background

1.1 I have already provided meetings held in November 2014 and February 2015 with background information to this 'new' grant with the Welsh Government merging 11 previous grants, whilst implementing a 10% cut.

1.2 Details are now provided on the grant basis and Distribution to Schools and another use of the grant.

### 2. Financial Details

2.1 The Welsh Government disseminates the grant to the four Improving Schools Standards Consortium in Wales. .

2.2 North Wales allocation for 2015/16 is £30,939,693, with Welsh Government forcing a contribution of £2,263,071, giving a GGA funding total of £33,549,764.

2.3 Following discussions between North Wales Heads of Education, it was decided to link GGA funding allocation to the individual Authorities on the basis of those allocated the 11 previous grants.

2.4 Gwynedd grant allocation is £5,729,482 with the Education Department having to contribute £578,591, giving total Gwynedd GGA funding of £6,308,073.

### 3. Schools Allocation

3.1 A table is enclosed (appendix 1) analysing individual schools allocation £4,535,668 based on the following distribution: -

GGA Foundation Phase : specific formula mainly based on foundation phase pupils

GGA 14-19 Network : mainly based on specific courses provided

Other GGA : 80% pupil numbers 20%, free dinner

3.2 On behalf of schools, the Education Department contributes £539,223 towards the costs of Language Centres and £289,463 towards Network 14-19 pupils courses that are provided by Further Education Colleges.

3.3 Total of 3.1 and 3.2 is £5,364,354, corresponding to a devolved percentage of 85%.

3.4 The Pupils Deprivation Grant is added in the table for your information.

#### **4. Other Use**

4.1 Foundation Phase : £246,740 to employ teachers to attend (for 10% of their opening time) voluntary Mudiadau Meithrin, officer and training costs

4.2 Language Centres : £200,500 for the remaining running costs including pupils Transport, language co-ordinators etc

4.3 14-19 Network : £49,465 for a Co-ordinator and minor specific schemes

4.3 Ethnic Minorities Achievement : £161,277 for educational services

4.4 Other : £114,860 for specific schemes including leadership development

4.5 Management and administration: £63,080 to fund GwE and the Finance Department support

#### **5. Further Details**

5.1 GwE is responsible for ensuring that schools achieve GCA requirements and for supporting the schools in that aim.

5.2 For your information, guidance letter 1 and 2 from GwE are enclosed and a template for analysing use of the Finance in accordance with the terms of the grant.

5.3 GwE also has responsibility for supporting schools with the Pupils Deprivation Grant.