

2019/20 SETTLEMENT (TRANSFER IN / NEW RESPONSIBILITY)

Details of the Settlement
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (G.T.)
<p><u>Set 1 Free School Meals - Impact of the Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) - £234,150 Permanent</u></p> <p>The Universal Credit Full Service is a new benefit payment that supports people who are on a low income or unemployed. It will replace 6 benefit payments, namely, Income based Job seeking Allowance; Income-based Employment and Support Allowance; Income Support; Working Tax Credit; Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.</p> <p>By 12 December 2018 Gwynedd will go live with the UCFS and consequently, it is expected there will be an increase in the number of children receiving free school meals.</p> <p>Welsh Government has allocated £7 million to Welsh Authorities to address the impact of UCFS on the School Meals service as the number of pupils entitled to free school meals will increase. Consequently, the school meals income is expected to fall, with an increase in free school meals costs.</p> <p>An application is made for £234,150, which is Gwynedd's element of the transfers into the settlement.</p> <p><u>How</u> - there will be no overspend in the Department's revenue budget as an adjustment will be made to the school meals income budget and the free school meals expenditure budget.</p> <p><u>Risks</u> - should the bid be refused there would be an overspend in the Department's revenue budget from 2019/20 onwards.</p> <p><u>Comments</u> - It is recommended that the application is supported.</p>
ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING DEPARTMENT (G.R.)
<p><u>Set 2 Change in the Capital Threshold that forms the basis of Self-Funding Care Service from £40,000 to £50,000 - £312,490 Permanent</u></p> <p>An application following on from the decision of the Welsh Government to increase the capital threshold used for assessing residential/nursing care self-funders from £40k to £50k with effect from April 2019.</p> <p>An application is made for £312,490, which is the new responsibility element of the settlement.</p> <p><u>How</u> – Increasing the capital threshold will mean that people will reach the threshold that makes them eligible to receive financial support from the Council earlier.</p> <p><u>Risks</u> – without the additional funding, the budget will be inadequate leading to an overspend situation.</p> <p><u>Comments</u> - It is recommended that the application is supported.</p>