

**Partneriaeth  
Financial Report  
2022-23  
(August 2022)**

**Partneriaeth Joint Committee  
7 October 2022**

**Partneriaeth  
S151 Officer**

## 1. Introduction

This report presents the Joint Committee with a financial update at 31 August 2022. All costs are for the 5-month period.

As its meeting on 29 April 2022, the Partneriaeth Joint Committee resolved that 'The assumptions and estimates made in compiling the outline budget for 2022-23 be noted, 'The Local Authority contributions for 2022-23, the Service Level Agreements (SLA's) for 2022-23 and the outline budget for 2022-23 be endorsed, prior to approval by the Councils' and 'the Partneriaeth S151 Officer be authorised to make amendments to the outline budget for 2022-23 as assumptions and estimates are confirmed.

In accordance with the Partneriaeth Legal Agreement dated 20 April 2022, 'Approving the first Annual Budget of the Partneriaeth and any subsequent Annual Budget which would exceed the scope of the authority delegated to the Joint Committee within its terms of reference' is a matter reserved for each Council. On 5 September 2022, Pembrokeshire County Council approved the first annual budget for Partneriaeth and it will be considered by Carmarthenshire County Council and Swansea Council in October 2022.

## 2. 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
<b>Total Budgeted SLA's</b>	<b>214</b>

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.

## 3. 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
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>300</b>

## 4. Partneriaeth Outline Budget 2022-23

The outline budget for 2022-23, endorsed by the Partneriaeth Joint Committee on 29 April 2022, is shown in the table below:

Budgeted Expenditure	Core Funded £'000	Grant Funded £'000	Total £'000
<b>Staffing Costs</b>			
Salaries*, Secondments, Specialists	-	1,930	1,930
Travel, Subsistence, Training & Development	-	15	15
IT Hardware & Mobiles	8	12	20
	<b>8</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,965</b>
<b>Development and Running Costs</b>			
Rent and Accommodation	25	-	25
General Office Expenses	7	-	7
Stationary, Telephone & Photocopying	5	-	5
Translation	-	40	40
Software & Marketing	26	-	26
Service Level Agreements	214	-	214
External Audit	15	-	15
Business Plan Objectives	-	3,058	3,058
	<b>292</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>3,390</b>
<b>Estimated Total Expenditure</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>5,355</b>
<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Core Funded £000</b>	<b>Grant Funded £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Local Authority Contributions	300	-	300
Grant Funding RCSIG**	-	4,159	4,159
Grant Funding RCSIG EIG Retained	-	841	841
PDG Co-ordinator	-	55	55
<b>Estimated Total Income</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>5,355</b>

\*The pay offers for non-teaching and teaching (post September 2022) staff are in excess of that budgeted, so the budget will be amended once the pay offers are finalised.

\*\*Includes £80k from NPT (Higher level teaching assistant and future leaders programme).

## 5. Budget Monitoring – August 2022

Budgeted Expenditure	Budget 2022-23 £'000	Exp. August 2022 £'000	Committed August 2022 £'000	Projected Outturn 2022-23 £'000
<b>Staffing Costs</b>				
Salaries*, Secondments, Specialists	1,930	821	1,150	1,971
Travel, Subsistence, Training & Development	15	10	5	15
IT Hardware & Mobiles	20	15	5	20
	<b>1,965</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>2,006</b>
<b>Development and Running Costs</b>				
Rent and Accommodation	25	9	12	21
General Office Expenses	7	-	7	7
Stationary, Telephone & Photocopying	5	1	1	2
Translation	40	-	40	40
Software & Marketing	26	-	26	26
Service Level Agreements	214	-	214	214
External Audit	15	-	15	15
Business Plan Objectives	3,058	33	2,991	3,024
	<b>3,390</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>3,349</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>5,355</b>
<b>Budgeted Income</b>				
<b>Local Authority Contributions</b>	300	65	235	300
<b>Grant Funding RCSIG**</b>	4,159	1,234	2,925	4,159
<b>Grant Funding RCSIG EIG Retained</b>	841	249	592	841
<b>PDG Co-ordinator</b>	55	-	55	55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>5,355</b>
<b>Overspend/(Underspend)</b>	-	-	-	-

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The salaries, secondments and specialists budget is projecting an overspend of £41k. It is proposed that this is offset using reductions in the expenditure for rent and accommodation (£4k), stationary, telephone and photocopying (£3k) and Business Plan objectives (£34k).

## **6. Grant Income for 2022-23**

It is anticipated that Partneriaeth will receive grant funding of £27.15m for 2022-23, of which £5.055m will be retained as above and £22.10m will be passported to each of the Council's and its Schools.

## **7. Risks and Opportunities**

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

It is anticipated that there will be ERW reserve and EWC balances remaining at the cessation of ERW and these will have to be distributed in accordance with the ERW Legal Agreement, however, there should be sufficient funds available to create reserves for Partneriaeth.

## **Recommendation**

The Partneriaeth Joint Committee note the budget monitoring report as at August 2022 and the projected outturn for 2022-23.