



Report of the Cabinet Member for Education Improvement, Learning & Skills

Cabinet – 16 July 2020

WLGA Correspondence: Further Funding for Music Services in Schools 2019-20

Purpose:	To advise Cabinet of the award of funding from the WLGA in relation to Music Services Provision in Schools for 2019-2020
Policy Framework:	Schools Music SLA
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Cabinet note the implications contained in the report and retrospectively approve the acceptance of the Grant.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the Award of Funding in relation to WLGA Education Grant 2019-2020 – Funding Support to further enhance music provision in Schools in Wales with a further £1,4000,00.

2. The Grant

- 2.1 Welsh Government awarded this grant directly and did not require an application from the Council. Allocations have been offered to all Welsh Councils. The offer to this council is £103,690 and covers the period to the 31 March 2020.

2.2 The purpose of the funding is for:

Local authorities to use the funding as they see fit and in accordance with local needs to deliver any one, or a combination of the following options whilst showing that they are using the monies in an innovative and creative way:

- FSM Support
- Ensemble Access
- Instruments
- Access and Inclusion
- Progression and Achievement
- GCSE and A level music support
- Rock and Pop Ensemble
- Master Classes
- Co-operative arrangements
- Monitoring

2.3 Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to members for their information.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

3.1 There are no equality or engagement implications associated with this report.

3.2 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

3.3 Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above. (See Appendix 1)

4. Financial Implications

4.1 This funding will help support the council's financial commitments in this key area

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Council must comply with the terms and conditions attached to any offer of grant funding.

5.2 The Council must follow its Contract Procedure Rules when procuring any goods or services utilising this grant money.

Background Papers: Grant Offer dated 27 January 2020

- 191124 WLGA Education Support Grant 2019-20 –Music Services Ltr.
- 191124 Annex A - Education Support Grant 2019-20 _Music Services

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form 2019 - 2020 Music WLGA Funding