

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Policy and Resources Committee	<b>8 June 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Educational grant funding	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk and Chief Executive	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

At the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee in December 2016, Members resolved that the Town Clerk prepare a report on the City of London Corporation's educational grant funding to the City's family of schools.

This report provides an overview of the grant funding for 2016/17 and 2017/18 for the two academies the City Corporation co-sponsors, and the three academy schools that currently comprise the City of London Academies Trust (COLAT) as well as the five academy schools due to be opened by COLAT later this year.

In addition, this report provides an overview of the income and expenditure of the City Corporation's independent schools for 2017/18, and details of the support provided by the City Corporation to King Edward's School, Witley and Christ's Hospital School for 2016/17.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to:

- Note the report

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. At a meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 15 December 2016, Members considered a resolution of the Education Board of 10 November 2016 and a report regarding grant funding for Christ's Hospital School and King Edward's School, Witley. Members agreed in principle to the establishment of a joint working group between Policy and Resources Committee and the Education Board to consider education grant funding. It was also resolved that educational grant funding across the City's family of schools be the subject of a future report of the Town Clerk.
2. This report does not deal with the City Corporation's more general support for education, such as: the City's local authority funding of the one maintained school in the City of London, the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School; funding of further and higher education, such as the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; the City Corporation's historical relationship with numerous educational bodies in London and the South East; with adult education or other general support of education and employability by the City Corporation whether through educational programmes offered through the City's cultural departments, on the charitable open spaces such as Epping Forest or Hampstead Heath, through City Bridge Trust (Bridge House Estates) grant funding, nor City's Cash support for such initiatives whether financial or in-kind.
3. This report has been prepared to provide details of the educational grant funding for the following schools:

City academies (in three clusters located in the London Boroughs of Southwark, Islington and Hackney):

(a) City of London Academies Trust (COLAT) (providing education at the City Corporation's sole sponsored academies)

- City of London Academy Southwark
- Redriff Primary City of London Academy
- Galleywall Primary City of London Academy
- City of London Academy Highgate Hill (to open in September 2017)
- City of London Primary Academy Islington (to open in September 2017)
- City of London Academy Shoreditch Park (to open in September 2017)
- The City of London Academy Highbury Grove (to open in September 2017)
- Newham Sixth Form Collegiate School, City of London Academy (to open in September 2017)

Co-sponsored academies

- (b) The City Academy, Hackney (co-sponsored with KPMG)
- (c) City of London Academy, Islington (co-sponsored with City University)

Independent schools:

The City Corporation is the proprietor of the following schools

- City of London School (est. 1442)
- City of London School for Girls (est. 1894)
- City of London Freeman's School (est. 1854)

Associated schools supported by the City Corporation

- King Edward's School, Witley (est. 1553; Bridewell Royal Hospital charity (311997))
- Christ's Hospital School (est. 1552; Christ's Hospital charity (1120090))

### **City academies**

4. For 2016/17 and 2017/18, the total amount of discretionary grants for which the academy schools can apply is £800k each year, with primary academies able to apply for grants up to £50k, and secondary academies able to apply for grants up to £150k. In addition following scrutiny meetings on projected academy results, a small amount of funding is available to address any areas of concern.
5. As shown in Table one, the City of London Academy Islington and The City Academy, Hackney were both awarded grant funding of £172,500 during 2016/17 and City of London Academy Southwark was awarded £150,000. It is anticipated that the City of London Academy Southwark, City of London Academy Islington and The City Academy, Hackney, will be allocated grant funding of £150,000 for 2017/18. It is anticipated that COLAT will also be allocating grant funding for 2017/18 of £50,000 for City of London Academy Highgate Hill and £20,000 for City of London Academy Shoreditch Park. However, with a further two schools due to join COLAT in September, namely The City of London Academy Highbury Grove and Newham Sixth Form Collegiate School, City of London Academy, these figures may be subject to change.
6. Of the City Corporation's primary academies, Redriff Primary City of London Academy has been allocated £50,000 for 2016/17, and is anticipated to be allocated the same amount for 2017/18. Galleywall Primary City of London Academy, which opened in September 2016, has been allocated £10,000 for 2016/17, and is anticipated to be allocated £15,000 for 2017/18. Whilst, the

City of London Primary Academy Islington, due to open in September 2017, is anticipated to be allocated £10,000 for 2017/18.

7. COLAT has been allocated £86,000 for 2016/17, rising to £130,000 in 2017/18 to support the costs of the COLAT CEO and administrative/PA costs. This funding was for two years only and will not be continuing into future years.
8. There is a remaining £75,000 of unallocated funds for which academies can bid, which will then be reviewed by the Education Board.

**Table one: Education Board grant funding for City academies (highlighted are under scrutiny)**

	<b>2016/17 - £'000</b>	<b>2017/18 - £'000</b>
City of London Academy Southwark	£150	£150
City of London Academy Highgate Hill (opening in September 2017)	-	£50
City of London Academy Shoreditch Park (opening in September 2017)	-	£20
Redriff Primary City of London Academy	£50	£50
Galleywall Primary City of London Academy	£10	£15
City of London Primary Academy Islington (opening in September 2017)	-	£10
COLAT	£86	£130
<b><u>Co-sponsored academies</u></b>		
The City Academy, Hackney	£172.50	£150
City of London Academy Islington	£172.50	£150
<b>Total</b>	<b>£659.51</b>	<b>£725</b>

### **Independent schools**

9. Table two provides the estimated net income and expenditure of the City of London School (CLS), City of London School for Girls (CLSG) and City of London Freemen's School (CLFS) for 2017/18, including the current level of City Corporation support.

10. Table three provides a breakdown of the City Corporation support received by each school for 2017/18, indicating that CLS will receive a net £1.79m in City Corporation support, including funding for 48 full fee scholarship places per annum financed by City's Cash. CLSG will receive a net £746k for 2017/18, including 32.66 full fee scholarship places per annum financed by City's Cash, while CLFS will receive a net £1.66m for 2017/18, including funding for 34 full fee scholarships per annum, six in the junior school, two in Years 7 and 8 and 26 in the senior school, all financed by City's Cash. The City also match funds external bursary funds raised by each school up to a cap of 2.5% of tuition fee income. The independent schools are moving towards greater application of the funding for means-tested bursaries rather than scholarships.
11. CLFS receives additional funding from the Freedom fees which are required to be paid by those seeking to obtain a grant of the Freedom of the City of London. However, whilst these fees were increased in 2015 to £100 (from £25 for applications by servitude, patrimony or by presentation by a Livery Company, and £30 for applications by nomination), it was agreed that a sum equivalent to the additional income should be transferred from the school's budget to the corporate centre. This transfer is made through a reduction in City Support, forming part of 'Other support and adjustments' – see Table three.
12. As discussed at the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee in December 2016, King Edward's School, Witley and Christ's Hospital School, for which the City Corporation is not directly responsible, are also in receipt of grant funding from the City Corporation. The latter was allocated £48,000 in 2016/17, with approval in December 2016 for funding worth £80,000 to present one pupil per year to Christ's Hospital each year, which covers the duration of their time at the school. The former was allocated £440,217 in 2016/17, with agreement in December to cap this at £500,000 per year.
13. In addition, the City Corporation also maintains connections with a number of other educational institutions with which it has similar historic links, for example Emanuel School in Wandsworth (part of United Westminster Schools Foundation) and Central Foundation Boys' School in Islington, but these do not involve funding.

**Table two: estimated City Corporation independent schools net income/expenditure – 2017/18**

	CLS - £'000	CLSG - £'000	CLFS - £'000
<b>Income:</b>			
Tuition fees	(15,101)	(12,252)	(14,317)
Boarding fees	-	-	(629)
Other income	(1,105)	(922)	(1,208)

City support (see Table 3)	(1,790)	(746)	(1,661)
<b>Total income</b>	<b>(17,996)</b>	<b>(13,920)</b>	<b>(17,815)</b>
<b>Expenditure (excl. transfers to reserves)</b>	<b>15,967</b>	<b>12,679</b>	<b>15,151</b>
<b>Transfers to reserves</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>2,596</b>
<b>Total net (income)/expenditure</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>(68)</b>

(Note - figures in brackets indicate income).

**Table three: City Corporation independent schools net City support – 2017/18**

	<b>CLS - £'000</b>	<b>CLSG - £'000</b>	<b>CLFS - £'000</b>
<b>Scholarships/Bursaries</b>	(785)	(548)	(558)
Match Funding	(378)	(306)	(41)
<b>Support services</b>	(334)	(271)	(351)
<b>Capital charges</b>	(294)	(189)	(1,100)
<b>Other support and adjustments</b>	1	568	389
<b>Total City Corporation support</b>	<b>(1,790)</b>	<b>(746)</b>	<b>(1,661)</b>

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## **Central Grants Programme**

14. The City's family of schools (where eligible) may also apply for funding through the Central Grants Programme, established in April 2016. To date, there has been only one grant round for the Education and Employment funding theme, which is funded through the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (312836) and the City Educational Trust Fund (290840). The City Corporation is sole corporate trustee of these two charities and makes grants in this separate capacity in accordance with prescribed eligibility criteria and application processes and ensuring it carries out the charities' purposes for the public benefit, takes decisions in the best interest of each charity and exercises independent judgement in doing so.
15. A grant of £3000 was awarded from the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity to The City Academy, Hackney in December 2016 to *'provide workshops, instrumental lessons and trips to concerts for 29 students'*.

## **Conclusion**

16. Following the resolution by Members at the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee in December 2016, this report provides an overview of the grant funding for 2016/17 and 2017/18 for the two academies the City Corporation co-sponsors, the three academy schools that currently comprise COLAT, as

well as the five academy schools due to be opened by COLAT later this year. In addition, it provides an overview of the income and expenditure of the City Corporation's independent schools for 2017/18, and details of the support provided to King Edward's School, Witley and Christ's Hospital School for 2016/17.

17. Members are asked to note the report.

## **Appendices**

None

## **Background Papers**

Policy and Resources Committee, December 2016 - City of London Corporation Grants Review: Grant Funding for Christ's Hospital and King Edward's School Witley.

Policy and Resources Committee, June 2011 - Review of the City of London's Financial Support for Educational Institutions.

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