

Committee:	Date:
Education Board	15 January 2015
Subject: Education Board draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services and The Chamberlain	For Information
Summary	
<p>The City of London Corporation's Education Board was constituted at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 1 May 2014. In advance of the Board's creation by the Court, the Policy and Resources Committee and the Finance Committee agreed that the Education Board would be allocated a sum of £1m for Financial Year 2015/16, from City's Cash funds.</p> <p>This report provides the Education Board with a draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16. Following the discussion of this proposal by the Members of the Education Board, Officers will submit a finalised budget allocation for the Education Board's approval at its meeting on 5 March 2015.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Members are asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the report. 	

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Corporation's Education Board was constituted at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 1 May 2014. In advance of the Board's creation by the Court, the Policy and Resources Committee and the Finance Committee agreed that the Education Board would be allocated a sum of £700,000 from City's Cash funds in 2014/15 and £1m from City's Cash funds for Financial Year 2015/16.

Purpose

2. This report provides the Education Board with a draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16. Following the discussion of this proposal by the Members of the Education Board Officers will submit a finalised budget allocation for the Education Board's approval at its meeting on 5 March 2015.

Draft Budget Allocation for 2015/16

3. The table below provides a draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16 and also includes a comparison to the expenditure in Financial Year 2014/15. For the avoidance of doubt, this is a working draft and is subject to change.

Expenditure	Local / Central Risk	2014/15 Allocation £'000	2015/16 Allocation £'000
Policy Based Budget Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Hard Education • Great Fire of London Website • School Visits Fund • Headteachers' Conference • Closer working with the Livery and businesses 	L L L L L L		15 20 15 40 25 50
School Funding (Academies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of London Academy Southwark • City of London Academy, Islington • The City Academy Hackney • Redriff Primary School 	C C C C	150 150 150 50	150 150 150 50
New Priorities (Delivery of the Education Strategy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1 – Developing the City family of schools. • Strand 2 – Embedding the schools programme. • Strand 3 – Increasing the impact of the City's outreach offer in education. • Strand 4 – Employability. • Strand 5 – Engaging businesses and the Livery in Education. 	C	-	50
New Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and project management 	L	-	75
Central Coordination (Education Unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing • Governor Training • Forums (headteachers and governors) • Administration • Research • Memberships 	L	170	150
Collaboration Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concert • Summer School • Debating Competition • Sports Day • Additional activities (tbc) 	L L L L L	-	13 6 2 10 19
Planned Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinners • DfE events • External events 	L	30	25
Total		700	1,015

Policy Based Budget Requirements

4. The Education Board is responsible for the distribution of the City's education funding allocation. The funding has been made available to cover all aspects of the City's education offer. At its inaugural meeting the Education Board received a report from the Director of the Museum of London on behalf of the Learning and Engagement Forum requesting funding for:
 - a) **Research** – £15,000 to commission a research company to consult teachers London wide, through focus groups and surveys, to test the demand for and appeal of a School Visits Fund and Headteachers' Conference.
 - b) **Hard Education** – £20,000 to commission a consultant to liaise with participating City venues to scope the Hard Education project, carry out more detailed testing of the concept with teachers, and develop a project plan with costings.
 - c) **Great Fire of London website** – £15,000 to commission a consultant to liaise with participating City venues and other potential partners to scope the Great Fire of London website and schools programme project, carry out more detailed testing of the concept with teachers, and develop a project plan with costings.
 - d) **School Visits Fund** – Funding in principle, pending the consultation and scoping work described above, for the first tranche of funding for the School Visits Fund. This would amount to £40,000 in Financial Year 2015/16. This proposal for the School Visits Fund is to establish a three year funding envelope, with an additional £30,000 of funding in both Year 2 and Year 3. While Members can support in principle a three year funding envelope the Education Board can only allocate funding for Financial Year 2015/16.
 - e) **Headteachers' Conference** – Funding in principle, pending the consultation and scoping work, for the Headteachers' Conference (cost to be confirmed after the consultation and scoping work, but officers suggest £25,000 is allocated as a provisional amount).
5. Officers recommend that the Education Board allocates £50,000 to support closer working with the Livery and businesses, either through Livery Schools Link or a new structure. The allocation of this funding would be subject to the Education Board's consideration and endorsement of a robust business plan. A business plan is currently being developed by the consultant project manager.

School Funding (Academies)

6. In Financial Year 2014/15 the Education Board allocated £500,000 to City academies to support activities that would improve the educational offer at each academy. It is therefore proposed that the same funding is made available in Financial Year 2015/16 and the Academies are invited to submit proposals to the Education Board.

New Priorities (Delivery of the Education Strategy)

7. The Education Board will receive a report from the Town Clerk proposing that the Education Board endorse key objectives for the next financial year. These objectives have been developed in accordance with the 5 strands of the Education Strategy and include:

- Strand 1 – Developing the City family of schools.
 - Strand 2 – Embedding the schools programme.
 - Strand 3 – Increasing the impact of the City’s outreach offer in education.
 - Strand 4 – Employability.
 - Strand 5 – Engaging businesses and the Livery in Education.
8. Officers recommend that 5% of the Education Board’s budget is allocated for the delivery of those objectives that are not already captured in the budget allocation and for unforeseen items of expenditure. This will allow the Committee to respond swiftly and effectively with funding for projects and initiatives identified during the year which support the Education Strategy’s aims and objectives.

New Schools Programme

9. Subject to approval from the Education Funding Agency, City Corporation will expand its academy offer in Islington and Southwark. The City will also expand its local education authority provision at Sir John Cass’s Foundation Primary School. In order to support this expansion Officers recommend that the Education Board allocate £75,000 for programme and project management.

Central Coordination (Education Unit)

10. This funding will enable to Education Unit to carry out its functions, providing central coordination and advice on the delivery of the Education Strategy. Specifically, the funding will cover the following expenditure: staffing, a governors training programme, supporting forums for headteachers and governors, administration, research, and memberships.

Collaboration Activities

11. At the September meeting of the Headteachers’ Forum it was agreed that the City schools should undertake collaboration opportunities, including: a concert at the Barbican, a summer school, a debating competition, and a sports day, for which Officers propose that the Education Board allocates £50,000.

Planned Events

12. Officers recommend that the Education Board allocates £25,000 for education related events during the next financial year, including: dinners, partnership events with DfE, and external events.

Recommendation

13. Members are asked to note the report.

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