

Committee(s)	Dated:
Education Board	5 March 2015
Subject: Education Board's Proposed Budget Allocation for Financial Year 2015/16	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services and The Chamberlain	For Decision

Summary

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 the City's Cash funds.

Following Members' discussion of a draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015 – 2016 at the Education Board's meeting on 15 January 2015, Officers have updated the budget allocation to reflect the Board's comments and submit the updated budget allocation to the Education Board for its consideration and approval.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Endorse the Education Board's budget allocation for Financial Year 2015 – 2016 as set out in paragraphs 4 – 13 of this 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.

Current Position

2. This report follows Members' discussion of an initial draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015 – 2016 that was considered at the Education Board's meeting on 15 January 2015. This report reflects the Board's comments at its January meeting and provides a proposed budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16.

Options

3. The proposed budget allocation, outlined below in paragraphs 4 – 13, is submitted to the Education Board for its consideration and endorsement.

Proposal

Education Board's Proposed Budget Allocation for Financial Year 2015 – 2016

4. The table below provides the Education Board with a proposed budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16 and also includes a comparison to the expenditure in Financial Year 2014/15.

Expenditure	Local / Central Risk	2014/15 Allocation £'000	2015/16 Allocation £'000
Policy Based Budget Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard Education • Great Fire of London Website • School Visits Fund • Headteachers' Conference • Closer working with the Livery and businesses 	L L L L L		20 15 40 25 15
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	-	80
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 • Forum support and administration (headteachers, governors, directors of 6th) 	L	170	150

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration • Research • Memberships 			
Collaboration Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concert • Summer School • Debating Competition • Art exhibition • Sports Day • Careers Fair (venue only) • Additional activities (tbc) 	L L L L L L L	-	10 6 3 3 10 3 20
Planned Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership events • Celebrations of excellence • External educational events 	L	30	25
Total		700	1,000

Policy Based Budget Requirements

5. 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 number of projects. The following projects were identified by the Education Board for funding:
- 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.
 - 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.
 - School Visits Fund – Funding for the first tranche of 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 Years 2 and 3. While Members can support in principle a three year funding envelope the Education Board can only allocate funding for Financial Year 2015/16.
 - Headteachers' Conference – £25,000 of funding for the scoping, planning and promotion of a Headteachers Conference.
6. Officers recommend that the Education Board allocates £15,000 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)

7. 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)

8. 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.
9. Officers recommend that £80,000 is allocated for the delivery of objectives that are not already captured in the budget allocation and for unforeseen items of expenditure. This will allow the Education Board 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

10. 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)

11. 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

12. At the September meeting of the Headteachers' Forum it was agreed that the City schools should undertake collaboration opportunities, including: a concert, a summer school, a debating competition, an art exhibition, a sports day, and a

joint careers fair (venue cost), for which Officers propose that the Education Board allocates £50,000.

Planned Events

13. Officers recommend that the Education Board allocates £25,000 for events that will support the delivery of the strategic objects set out in the Education Strategy during the next financial year, including: partnership events, celebrations of excellence, and external educational events.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

14. The proposed budget allocation is in line with the aims and objectives of the Education Strategy. The Education Strategy complements and supports the City of London's corporate policies and objectives, as set out in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

Conclusion

15. The Education Board's proposed budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16, outlined in paragraphs 4 – 13 of this report, is in line with the aims and objectives of the Education Strategy and the City's corporate policies and objectives. It is therefore recommended that Members endorse the proposed budget allocation.

Appendices

None.

Background Papers

- Education Board draft budget allocation for Financial Year 2015/16 – Report received by the Education Board on 15 January 2015
- Minutes of the Education Board's meeting on 15 January 2015.

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