Dear Director of Education,

I am writing to inform you of your 2018-19 post-16 allocations for Sixth Forms and Adult Community Learning (ACL).

Sixth Form Allocations

I am pleased to confirm that for 2018-19, we have been able to increase the unit rate of funding by 1.0 per cent across the post-16 sector.

Sixth Form allocations are detailed in the attached Annex A.

The allocations methodology is the same as in previous years, although for 2018-19 an updated 'average funding rate per learner' has been calculated for each Local Authority. This average funding rate is multiplied by a predicted headcount to give an 'allocation before uplifts' and to this the Welsh Medium, Sparsity and Deprivation uplifts are added, to give an overall Local Authority allocation.

Headcount predictions

The headcount predictions have been calculated in the same way as previous years, following the methodology that was agreed with the ADEW Directors group.

Average Funding Rate per learner

A new average funding rate has been calculated for the 2018-19 allocations based on the 2015/16 PLASC return. The mix of programmes delivered in 20115/16 has been matched to the 20117/18 programme values to give an average rate per learner for each Local Authority. This value has then been increased by 1.0%.

Deprivation uplift

For 2018-19, the deprivation uplift has been pro-rated in line with the variance from the 2017-18 allocation.

The methodology for the deployment of the deprivation uplift will be reviewed again in the future, as the Post-16 Planning and Funding Framework moves forward and new data becomes available.

Sparsity uplift

Sparsity allocations have been maintained at the same level as in 2017-18. Again, the methodology for the deployment of the uplift will be reviewed in the future.

Welsh Medium

Whilst the intention was to review all categorisations for 2018/19, this has not been possible. Therefore, Welsh Medium allowances have been maintained at the same level as in 2017/18 whilst a review of the methodology takes place in readiness for 2019/20.

The calculations of learner numbers and your individual uplift values will be detailed in your individual Local Authority Annex B, which will be sent to you under separate cover.

Local Authority ACL provision

ACL provision has been maintained at the same level as 2017/18.

Local Authorities should use the additional funding to support additional provision in the priority areas of Essential Skills, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Digital Literacy.

ACL allocations are detailed in the attached Annex C.

2019-20 Allocations

The Annex B that accompanies this letter includes indicative allocations for 2019-20 based on the current data set that we hold. The data used to inform these indicative allocations will be updated once we receive your latest PLASC collections, so these indicative allocations should be used as a guide only. You will also be aware that the published Post-16 budget is due to decrease by £9.8m in 2019-20 and consideration of how this reduction will be applied has not been included in the indicative allocations shown.

Should you have any questions regarding this email please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Hicks (post16planningandfunding@gov.wales) or 0300 025 3893).

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

Local Authority 6th Form	2017-201 Allocation £	2018-2019 Allocation £	Variance £	Variance %
Isle of Anglesey County Council	2,522,524	2,356,106	-166,418	-6.60%
Gwynedd Council	3,386,897	3,161,221	-225,676	-6.66%
Conwy County Borough Council	4,647,612	4,387,525	-260,087	-5.60%
Denbighshire County Council	3,957,923	3,414,799	-543,124	-13.72%
Flintshire County Council	4,756,182	4,677,044	-79,139	-1.66%
Wrexham County Borough Council	1,338,194	1,165,216	-172,978	-12.93%
Powys County Council	4,911,215	4,508,520	-402,695	-8.20%
Ceredigion County Council	3,607,911	3,449,916	-157,996	-4.38%
Pembrokeshire County Council	3,732,894	3,177,275	-555,619	-14.88%
Carmarthenshire County Council	5,920,508	5,896,363	-24,145	-0.41%
The City and County of Swansea	5,748,745	5,207,944	-540,800	-9.41%
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	1,376,279	1,427,323	51,045	3.71%
Bridgend County Borough Council	6,291,012	5,829,431	-461,581	-7.34%
The Vale of Glamorgan County Council	6,060,309	5,802,155	-258,154	-4.26%
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	10,326,149	9,610,814	-715,334	-6.93%
Caerphilly County Borough Council	4,418,241	4,003,381	-414,860	-9.39%
Torfaen County Borough Council	3,332,528	3,096,924	-235,604	-7.07%
Monmouthshire County Council	3,002,305	3,109,052	106,747	3.56%
Newport City Council	6,797,220	6,365,711	-431,509	-6.35%
Cardiff County Council	12,287,141	11,640,080	-647,061	-5.27%
Total	**98,421,790**	**92,286,803**	**-6,134,987**	**-6.23%**

Annex C

Local Authority	Total 2017-18 Allocation £	Total 2018-2019 Allocation £	Variation between 2017-18 and 2018-19 £	Variation between 2017-18 and 2018-19 %
Isle of Anglesey County Council	11,723	11,723	0	0.00%
Gwynedd Council	7,033	7,033	0	0.00%
Conwy County Borough Council	7,033	7,033	0	0.00%
Denbighshire County Council	100,814	100,814	0	0.00%
Flintshire County Council	2,344	2,344	0	0.00%
Wrexham County Council	93,780	93,780	0	0.00%
Powys County Council	128,166	128,166	0	0.00%
Ceredigion County Council	71,344	71,344	0	0.00%
Pembrokeshire County Council	450,720	450,720	0	0.00%
Carmarthenshire County Council	180,220	180,220	0	0.00%
The City and County of Swansea	173,153	173,153	0	0.00%
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	254,770	254,770	0	0.00%
Bridgend County Borough Council	151,611	151,611	0	0.00%
The Vale of Glamorgan County Council	267,879	267,879	0	0.00%
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	200,846	200,846	0	0.00%
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	45,327	45,327	0	0.00%
Caerphilly County Borough Council	304,785	304,785	0	0.00%
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	327,449	327,449	0	0.00%
Torfaen County Borough Council	89,091	89,091	0	0.00%
Monmouthshire County Council	2,344	2,344	0	0.00%
Newport City Council	371,995	371,995	0	0.00%
Cardiff County Council	1,064,405	1,064,405	0	0.00%
TOTALS	4,306,832	4,306,832	0	0.00%