

APPENDIX 2 – extract for briefing for schools and 14 – 19 partnership September 2010

Central Bedfordshire Practical Learning DSG 2010/11

The amount allocated is £555,818. £71784 has been allocated to commitments for the students currently in year 10 for their continued diploma delivery in 2010/11 (this is a commitment to the previous shared arrangements with Bedford and Central Bedfordshire). The students are as follows:

- sixteen students Engineering level 2 delivered by Samuel Whitbread
- five students at Bedford College
- one student at Wootton Upper

This leaves £473 000 to:

support students starting diplomas in September 2010

all other vocational options (either as a commitment to those in Y10 and needing provision in Y11, or those students starting courses in September

Foundation Learning

Additionally the Central Bedfordshire Consortium will receive £115,613 for Foundation Learning. This was previously known as School Engagement Programme 'SEP'. The funding will be aligned with the 14 – 19 Practical Learning grant and used to purchase appropriate practical learning and engaging activities for the identified young people. The management and reporting arrangements will be through the 14 – 19 Strategy and Operational groups for Central Bedfordshire. Up to £12000 will be used to manage and evaluate the programme.

Diploma Support grant

For 2010/11 Central Bedfordshire will also receive a diploma support grant. The grant is designed to provide funding for delivery in the 2010/11 academic year. As in 2009/10, payment of formula grant will be made in two instalments, with 60% paid in September 2010 and the remainder (along with reconciliation of funding for actual starts) in the following March 2011.

Allocation of funding

In February 2010 schools were notified that there was an intention to move towards a student-led model for allocating the DSG practical learning funding. The allocation of funding in Central Bedfordshire is based on some key principles:

- Supporting students already on courses so that they can achieve
- Supporting other vocational courses that have been agreed for September 2010 and where students have been recruited.

This arrangement means that:

The LA, on behalf of the partnership, will invoice each school that sends a student on a practical learning course for the equivalent part of the AWPU – for example one day delivery per week for a course is one fifth of the AWPU for that student. Any shortfall in costs of purchasing provision, transport etc. will be funded through the DSG.

The cost of delivery will be calculated using the agreed practical learning calculator and the costs will be distributed to the provider on behalf of the 14 – 19 Consortium using the AWPU element and DSG funding. Any re-distribution of funding (for example where delivery is shared will be managed through internal transfers between providers).

The costs of transport will be managed through this process on behalf of the providers and paid by the LA. Only transport arrangements made through the LA client transport team on behalf of the consortium will be funded. Providers making their own arrangements will be responsible for the costs.

Any surplus or shortfall will be managed through the Central Bedfordshire 14 – 19 Strategy Group and Operational Group.

The AWPU funding has been agreed by the 14 -1 9 partnership:

Year 10 one day AWPU is £664

Year 11 one day AWPU is £731

The LA is in the process of alerting schools to the provisional AWPU contribution they will need to make for:

Foundation learning

Diplomas

Non-Diploma College courses

These will need to be adjusted in the light of actual numbers, rather than estimates, and the LA will manage collecting the AWPU and paying the providers.

Non-diploma courses delivered by FE Colleges

138 students in year 10 on level 1 non-diploma courses (some but not all of these are covering the full Foundation Learning Programme)

84 students in year 10 on level 2 non-diploma courses

163 students in year 11 on level 1 courses

73 students in year 11 on level 2 courses

Foundation Learning (this includes all elements of Foundation Learning and replaces SEP)

118 students will be on a year 10 Foundation Learning programme and will be accessing specialist provision (this includes Special schools)

Diplomas

Year 11 provision is

- 1 C and M
- 3 CBE
- 19 Engineering
- 1 Hair and Beauty

This is funded using the previous consortium methodology and costs £72 000 from the DSG

Year 10 provision

- Engineering 28 students (North) and 25 students (South)
- ELB 19 students (South)
- HB 24
- SAL 15 North and 20 South

Total number of students accessing practical learning is 771 (approximately 12.5% of the cohort).

Provider costs

Non-diploma vocational courses to FE Colleges £ 625515.