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IAITH PAWB – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2003-04

The main tranche of funding allocation to support the Welsh language will be channelled as follows. These details are based on the operational plans of the Welsh Language Board, the Welsh Books Council and the Arts Council of Wales, which are available on their respective websites. For comparison, last year's figures are in parenthesis.

Welsh Language Board: £11.584m [£6.8725m]

Indicative figures: 2004-05: £12.329m; 2005-06 £13.324m

Grants for promoting the use of Welsh: £3.69m [£2.41m]

The main beneficiaries being:

- Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin: £1m [£0.7m]. This will be spent on stabilising the number of children attending nursery groups and to increase by 10% the number attending Ti a Fi groups.
- Mentrau Iaith: £1.338m [£0.714m]. This increase in funding will help to sustain 25 Mentrau Iaith, including 2 new Mentrau, across 18 Local Authorities, and reflects the emphasis in Iaith Pawb on increasing language awareness and use of the Welsh language at a community level.
- Urdd: £520,000 [£340,000]. The Urdd, amongst other things, will be expected to develop Welsh medium sports and youth projects in different parts of Wales, in particular in disadvantaged areas.
- Eisteddfod Genedlaethol: £350,000 [£300,000]. The increased funding will enable the Eisteddfod to consolidate the vital role it plays in promoting Welsh language and culture.

Welsh language Education Grants: £2.573m [£2.242m]

The Board will continue to provide grants to Local Education Authorities to enable them to support and develop Welsh medium education. These grants will, amongst other things, enable 58 Athrawon Bro posts throughout Wales, and 8 teaching posts in Latecomers Centres.

Language Acquisition: £1.047m [£0.283m]

This includes:

- £580,000 [£190,000] on the pioneering TWF project which promotes the transfer of the Welsh language within families.
- £140,000 to allow the Board to step up its work substantially on research and development and data analysis. This will include behavioural and attitudinal surveys which will inform future projects and policies. No specific expenditure was incurred in 2002-03, although some data collected as part of other work such as marketing research.
- £85,000 [£35,000] to sustain the existing 6 language action plans, launch an additional 3 and to undertake a detailed evaluation of such schemes.
- £75,000 [£20,000] to develop a co-ordination and planning role for the Mentrau Iaith at a national level, by creating staff training and development programmes. The aim is to standardise the services offered by the Mentrau Iaith and their website will be further developed and other network links to enable them to promulgate ideas and share best practice
- £55,000 to develop 3 projects to promote language use amongst young people in the areas of rock and pop music, sport and the Young Farmer Movement. These projects will provide the foundation for future work aimed at promoting language use amongst young people. This represents a new area of expenditure – as such no comparisons available with previous year.
- £50,000 to develop an IT strategy for the language, to ensure that the language keep pace with, and takes advantage of, developments in the field of information technology. This represents a new area of expenditure – as such no comparison available with previous year.

Education & training: £171,000 [£255,000]

This funding includes £155,000 (£245,000 in 2004-05 and £337,500 in 2005-06) on a 3 year language immersion project to provide intensive short courses for children who move into Welsh-speaking areas. This will be funded by the Assembly Government's Education department, and is in addition to previous announcements of funding in support of the language. The figure for 2002-03 included £200,000 on a Welsh for Adults materials project financed from specific funding provided by ELWa.

The additional £9.5m announced in November for measures within the formal education

structure will come into effect in 04-05/05-06.

Language Tools: £155,000 [£62,000]

This embraces a number of projects to broaden the range of services and facilities available to Welsh speakers and learners.

It includes:

- Projects aimed at standardising terminology & place names: £36,000
- Development of a national database of standardised terms: £20,000
- Development of electronic translation aids for translators and others: £50,000

Marketing: £850,000 [£90,000]

Additional funding will allow the Language Board will be developing a holistic strategy to market and promote the language. This will include projects aimed at promoting the use of the language by young people and in the private sector, as well as within communities. It will also include marketing the benefits of language transmission within the family and ensuring continuity through the various levels of Welsh medium education.

The funding will also allow the Board to develop its *laith Gwaith* campaign, and to develop marketing material for specific purposes.

Running costs: £2.774m [£1.585m]

This increase reflects the Welsh Language Board's substantial advisory role, especially in terms of overseeing the mainstreaming the Welsh language by public sector companies, initialisation of new public sector language schemes and the monitoring of existing schemes. It will also allow the Board to appoint a statistician to develop its capacity for data collection and analysis and ensure that the Welsh language is mainstreamed into data collection and statistical analysis.

The Board will also be recruiting new staff in order to fulfil its augmented role and establishing a regional presence in line with the Assembly Government's regionalisation policy. To begin this process it intends to establish two new offices in North-west and South-west Wales by the end of 2003.

Welsh Books Council: £2.827m [£1.774m]

Indicative figures: 2004-05: £3.132m; 2005-06 £3.137m.

The Welsh Books Council will receive an additional £1.3m over the next 3 financial years. Specifically, the Books Council will receive an additional £300,000 next year, enabling the Council to give greater financial assistance to authors, provide increased editorial support for publishing houses and strengthen the infrastructure of the publishing industry in Wales.

The above figure for 2003-04 also reflects the transfer of the Literature Grant, currently £980,000 from the Arts Council to the Books council. Including £920,000 to provide grant-in-aid for Welsh language books and periodicals, and £960,000 on Welsh literature.

Welsh Language Theatre: £0.25m [0.25m]

Indicative figures: 2004-05: £0.5m; 2005-06: £0.75m.

£0.25m has already been provided in 2002-03 to kick-start the development of a National Welsh Language Theatre Company. The additional £1.5m over the next 3 years will enable the Arts Council to establish and run the new company, ensuring comprehensive coverage and a wide range of high quality productions.

Patagonia: £0.035m [£0.035m]

The Patagonia project will receive £105,000 over the next 3 financial years. The funding supports the Welsh teaching programme in Patagonia, including the secondment of teachers in Wales, the training of local tutors, and the support of local cultural activities.