

**MOD FUND: SUPPORT FUND FOR SCHOOLS WITH SERVICE CHILDREN
STEERING GROUP**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Argyll and Bute Council Education Service placed a bid with the MOD for funding from the £3M Support Fund for Schools with Service Children.
- 1.2 The service was successful in its bid under a number of headings, including £1000 to set up and run a Steering Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to endorse the composition of the Steering Group as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members are asked to agree that details of the Steering Group should now be circulated to all relevant organisations.
- 2.3 Members are asked to note that Councillor representation on the Steering Group will be finalised by the Area Committee post election.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 In May 2011 the UK Secretary of State for Defence announced as part of the 'Armed Forces Covenant: Today and Tomorrow' a new fund to assist schools, with a Service and/or Reserves, child population to help mitigate the impact of mobility and deployment within the Armed Forces. The fund is for £3M in the first year 2011/12. It is expected that bids to the fund can be made over the next four years.
- 3.2 As part of the process of preparing the bid head teachers and other officers of the Council were consulted. The Naval Personal and Family Service and Royal Marines Welfare (NPFS & RMW – North) were also consulted. NPFS & RMW - North also provided a forum to gather views of naval parents. West Dumbartonshire Council was also consulted but did not place a bid to the fund itself.

3.3 Following this consultation, the Education Service placed a bid against a number of headings. Details of those headings and the allocation of funding against those headings is indicated in Appendix 2.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Following consultation with NPFS & RMW – North, the Steering Group composition has been drafted. It is proposed that the Steering Group would meet a maximum of three times per annum.

The Steering Group will facilitate partnerships between stakeholders and the Education Service. The Steering Group would be responsible for drafting and placing further bids to the Support Fund for Schools with Service Children and identifying and adopting emerging good practice across the UK.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None
Legal:	None

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STEERING GROUP COMPOSITION

Elected Member Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Councillors from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee
Education Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Head Teachers • Quality Improvement Officer (partnership officer for Helensburgh and Lomond Area)
Naval Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naval Welfare Officer • Uniformed representative
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Parents nominated by Parent Councils from the Helensburgh and Lomond Schools
Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Pupil nominated by Helensburgh and Lomond Schools • 1 Pupil from HMS Heroes (accompanied by parent if necessary)
Third sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 representative
Accompanied by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-taker from Education Services • Psychology Research Assistant • Youth Worker or representative from Community Learning and Development

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Headings	Bid Placed For:	Funding Allocated
1. Steering Group Bid placed for set-up costs for Steering Group.	£1000	£1000
2. Supporting Vulnerable Children in School (a) Provide training and resources for the 'Seasons for Growth' programme.	£6320	£6320
(b) Provide funding for a Psychology Research Assistant to provide support for vulnerable children and their families and evaluate the success of the funding for the project.	£24000	£20000
3. Transition Support to children (a) Funding for a matching syllabi project – to assist schools to match pupil progress when children arrive from a different educational system.	£21000	£21000
(b) Funding to provide extra teaching staff to provide long and short term support to vulnerable children.	£63000	£54000
(c) Funding for Youth Worker to support children and their families.	£15000	£13000
4. Funding for 'out of school' clubs.	£48000	NIL
5. Training and resources for vulnerable children to 'catch up'. Training provided in the Maths Recovery Programme.	£32000	£32000
TOTAL	£210320	£147320