

REPORT ON ARGYLL AND BUTE PLANNED SPEND FOR 'ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES' (ESOL) FUNDING AWARDED 2012 -2013

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The funding arrangements for 'English for Speakers of Other Languages' (ESOL) funding have changed for 2012-13. Community Planning Partnerships are now asked to take the lead co-ordinating role for the project, and to liaise with Scottish Government (SG)/ Scottish Funding Council (SFC).
- 1.2** Argyll College and Argyll and Bute Council (CLD Service) submitted a joint funding application for 2012-13 for a total of £62,873.00, of which £20,310.00 (32.3%) was intended for Argyll College, and £42,563.00 (67.7%) for the CLD Service.
- 1.3** The SFC have now allocated funding, and Argyll and Bute have been awarded £31,345.00 – about half the original bid.
- 1.4** Argyll College and Argyll and Bute Council CLD therefore propose to split the reduced funding in the same proportions, giving Argyll College £10,125.00, and CLD £21,220.00
- 1.5** The SFC have asked for a report on how the reduced funding will be spent – the detail is appended
- 1.6** Any funding allocated may be drawn down in September 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** Members are invited to note the contents of this report, and of the background paper appended.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1** Please see appended paper

4. CONCLUSION n/a

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Nil

Finance: External grant funding applied for

Personnel: Nil

Legal: Nil

Equal Opportunities: ESOL provision targets minority groups and aspires to attain 5 guiding principles of inclusion, diversity, quality, achievement and progression for provision in Scotland.

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Argyll and Bute ESOL Revised Funding Plans

1.	Title: Employability: Workplace ESOL and Job Clubs
	<p>CLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helensburgh: Rural outreach workplace-based ESOL classes (in Arrochar) (reduced) • Oban: Development of outreach workplace-based ESOL provision (reduced) • Bute: Re-establishment of outreach workplace-based ESOL provision (reduced) • (Cowal: Rural outreach workplace-based ESOL classes (in Lochgoilhead) will still take place, but funding to be sourced elsewhere)
	Cost: £5,927

2.	Title: Community-based ESOL Classes / Groups / Drop-ins (non-accredited)
	<p>CLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helensburgh: Weekly community-based ESOL (non-accredited) drop-in, tutor-led • Oban: Twice-weekly community-based ESOL (non-accredited) conversation classes, Oban library, tutor-led • Oban: Weekly community-based ESOL (non-accredited) conversation class, Isle of Mull, tutor-led • Mid Argyll: Two community-based ESOL courses (non-accredited) held in Lochgilphead, tutor-led • Campbeltown, Kintyre: Community-based ESOL (non-accredited) conversation class, tutor-led (reduced) • Cowal: (see 'accredited ESOL provision')
	Cost: £7,871

3.	Title: ESOL 1:1 pairings – ALN and Citizenship needs
	<p>CLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Argyll: 1:1 tutoring as required, paid tutor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbeltown, Kintyre: 1:1 support on referral basis (reduced) • Bute: 1:1 support as required, volunteer tutors
	Cost: £3,122

4.	Title: Accredited ESOL provision
	<p>CLD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Argyll (Islay): (Reduced) contribution to accredited course run by Argyll College for which numbers are below the minimum • Cowal: 2 classes offering SQA Access, Level 3, or Cambridge examinations (22 students) <p>Argyll College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and blended learning for learners and tutors in more rural areas using newly created resources, materials to be written to fit the format required to allow them to be put on the virtual learning environment Blackboard. The accredited units are part of a suite of 23 that require development. This can be done at a cost of £1000 per unit, and the reduced funding will be used to develop selected units.
	Cost: £14,045

5.	Title: CPD for staff and tutors
	<p>CLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbeltown, Kintyre: 2 x 20hr 'Introduction to TESOL' training for staff/tutors
	Cost: £380

TOTAL: 31,345