

Funding for and Access to Music Education – Questions for Local Authorities

1. For the latest financial year the LA outturn for music services is anticipated to breakeven as expenditure is funded from grants and SLA's with schools. A breakeven budget has also been set for the 2017–18 financial year.
2. This is spent directly by the authority.
3. There are 19 staff currently employed directly in music services, a number of whom are employed on a part-time basis – none of these are supported through consortium working.
4. For 2016–17 financial year the LA provided £574,340 to schools for music services. For 2017–18 the LA plans to allocate £574,340.
5. The provision identified in question 4 is not ring-fenced in any way. Schools are free to spend it on other services.
6. The LA plans to provide funding to the Four Counties (regional ensemble) admin/SLA – £2,730 (and is exploring ways to fund the Four Counties Pupil Subsidy – £4,300)