

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for the following information:

The policy paper "The Importance of Music ,A National Plan for Music Education " published under the 2010 to 2015 Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government, states (item 82);

"In most cases, DfE funding will only be one of several funding sources available in a local area that the hub, and their partner organisations, will draw upon. Local authorities will continue to be key players in delivering and funding music education, and hubs will also be able to draw-in and align funding streams from elsewhere to best meet the local needs of pupils' music education. Some of these funding streams may come from other public, charitable and private funding sources and the National Lottery. "

This publication outlines the aims of the national plan for music education and how it will affect schools, LAs and private music teachers. The plan will extend to 2020.

1. Is the Policy Paper still operative?
2. What budgets have been allocated to Music Education in schools in recent and future years (say 2012-2020)?
3. How will NCC as the Local Authority, fulfil their obligations in Item 82 above?

Our response:

1. The policy paper "The Importance of Music, A National Plan for Music Education " published under the 2010 to 2015 Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government, indeed outlines the aims of the national plan for music education and how it will affect schools, LAs and private music teachers. The policy paper is still relevant, although as policy, its primary role is to provide a steer to all those involved with providing such services and as such there are no specific obligations arising from this that fall upon the County Council. Moreover, the educational and fiscal context has shifted considerably since its inception.

2. Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" can confirm that via our delivery partner "Inspire" has been the lead for the Music Education Hub for Nottinghamshire since April 2016. NCC has not invested any money into Music Education in Schools since April 2016.

Inspire has received funding from Arts Council England as follows:

2016/17 – £1067598

2017/18 – £1065575

2018/19 – £1066848

2019/20 projected funding is – £1066848

For your information it has been the intention that the music teaching service is self-financing, apart from the amount of money that is allocated to it from the Music Education Hub budget. However, that has not been possible, and so Inspire has subsidised the service in 2016/17 and 2017/18, and is currently implementing measures to enable it to achieve self-financing status during 2019.

3. We provide our Music Education Service via our delivery partner Inspire.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference above

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