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On 18th August the Scottish Government announced that they would be continuing funding Scottish Local Authorities with permanent Covid Recovery funding of £80 million pounds per annum. This was in addition to the permanent £65.5 million for local authorities to recruit additional teachers and support staff. A principal purpose of these monies was to allow local authorities the opportunity not only to appoint additional staff but to endeavour to offer permanent contracts.

What was City of Edinburgh's share of the £145.5 million which has been provided by Scottish Government?

The allocation of £145.5 million is in two parts. Part one is a share of £65.5m of which City of Edinburgh received £4.809m for academic year 2021/22.

This funding has been used to provide budget for 73 additional teachers and 36 additional support assistants. 50 of the teaching posts were in the secondary sector and 23 in primary. The funded support assistant posts were all in the secondary sector.

The second part of the funding is a share of £80m of which City of Edinburgh will receive £5.6m for the coming financial year. The allocation of this funding is still to be agreed going forward.

From this funding how many additional teaching posts have been filled in the secondary sector?

The funding has been devolved to individual schools and is managed under the scheme of Devolved School Management. The filling of posts is not monitored centrally, decisions are taken locally by Headteachers in conjunction with their management team

How many of these posts are full-time?

How many of these posts have been made permanent?

No central register is maintained of whether posts are permanent or temporary, this decision is taken locally by the Headteacher in conjunction with their management team.

From this funding how many additional support staff have been employed?

Budget for 36 additional support assistants was provided to secondary schools.

The information is not held centrally and would be held by each of the 149 individual schools. It is estimated that, at 30 minutes per school, it would take more than 70 hours to provide the information you requested, and we are not obliged to respond.