

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 15  
JANUARY 2001**

**REPORT ON: PRE-BUDGET STATEMENT – ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL  
RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 45-2001**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks Committee approval of the arrangements for allocating the additional financial resources made available for schools following the Pre-Budget statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in November 2000.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee:-

- i approve the allocation of additional funding to schools on the same basis as the Scottish Executive determined allocations for individual Education Authorities ie

	<b>Fixed Allocations Per School £</b>	<b>Additional Allocation Per Pupil £</b>
Primary	2,800	10
Secondary	2,800	15
Special	2,800	30

- ii agree that, in consultation with primary schools, £1,000 of the fixed allocation for primary schools should be utilised for the purchase of computer hardware and software designed to help schools monitor track and improve pupil attainment.

- iii note the requirement to publish locally information about what has been achieved through allocation of the additional resources and to report to the Scottish Executive Education Department details on how the grant has been spent.

- iv instruct the Director of Education to advise schools of their allocations and on compliance with the conditions attached to the grant.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council has been given additional funding of £401,320 for allocation to schools determined on the basis of the calculation and subject to the conditions of payment detailed in section 6 of this report.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4,1 The additional funding will assist pupils access the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable them to play a full part in society.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The additional funding will assist with increased equality of access to educational opportunity for pupils.

### **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Circular 5/2000 issued by the Scottish Executive in December 2000 advised that Dundee City Council had been allocated £401,320 to be made available to schools following the Pre-Budget statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 November 2000.

- 6.2 The resources have been allocated on the basis of a fixed amount of £2,800 per school, plus £10 per primary pupil, £15 per secondary pupil and £30 per special school pupil.

- 6.3 It is a condition of payment of this grant that the resources involved must be clearly seen to be additional to existing planned education spending and to spending on individual schools, and that every primary, secondary and special school in the authority must derive some benefit from the use of the resources in this financial year.

- 6.4 It is also a condition of payment of this grant that authorities publish locally information about what has been achieved through allocation of these additional resources.

- 6.5 In addition to the published information it is also a condition of payment that the authority submit by 29 June 2001 a report listing for each school how much has been allocated to it and what that amount has been spent on.

- 6.6 Consultation with Primary Head Teachers has indicated that high priority should be given to the purchase of additional computer hardware and software to help with the monitoring, tracking and improvement of pupil attainment.

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Director of Finance, the Director of Support Services and school Head Teachers have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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Director of Education

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