

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Council: 28 February 2007

**Subject: Additional Financial Resources for Schools
Financial Year 2006-07**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform members of the additional allocation of funds to Education and Cultural Services from the Scottish Executive.

2. Background

- 2.1** On 8 February 2007 Hugh Henry, the Minister for Education and Young People, announced £6 million of additional resources to education authorities for distribution to schools in their areas under the Grants for Improvements in School Education (Scotland) Regulations 1998.
- 2.2** West Dunbartonshire Education and Cultural Services received an allocation of £116,000 from this announcement.
- 2.3** The decision as to how an authority's share of the £6 million was distributed to the schools in its area was left to the authority's determination subject to the prescribed conditions of payment.

3. Main Issues

Conditions

- 3.1** The authority's entire allocation will be distributed/devolved to schools.
- 3.2** There will be no displacement or reduction of any other aspect of devolved budgets as a result of these additional resources.
- 3.3** Headteachers can choose to use any additional allocation in whatever way they feel is most appropriate.
- 3.3** All of these additional resources will be spent by the end of the current financial year (March 2007).
- 3.4** The authority must advise the Executive how their share of the £6 million has been distributed by listing the schools involved and how much money each has been allocated.

Action

- 3.5** Schools were notified of the arrival of the funds allocated to them and the need to complete the spend by the end of March 2007.

- 3.6 Every primary, secondary and special school received an allocation of this additional money dependent on their size of school.
- 3.7 A letter was sent to the Executive agreeing the conditions of acceptance and providing a breakdown of the allocation, school by school. A copy of the breakdown is attached as an Appendix to this report.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 The report has no implications for personnel.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The delegated funds from the Scottish Executive will finance all proposals.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 There is minimal risk that the devolved funds will not be spent but we are assured by schools that resources will be purchased within the timescale.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The additional funds provided by the Scottish Executive have been delegated directly to schools as requested under the conditions of acceptance of the grant. Schools will make their own decisions on how this additional finance is to be spent.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 Members are requested:
- (a) to note the contents of this report.

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Wards Affected

All wards