

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2007

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for proposals to delegate additional resources to Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 30 January 2007, the Education Committee was advised of £991,000 allocated to the Council by the Scottish Executive. Committee also agreed to the proposed allocation to establishments.
- 2.2 Further resources of £149,000 have been allocated to the Council by the Scottish Executive in correspondence of 8 February 2007. As with the previous allocation this new funding must also be fully utilised by 31 March 2007.
- 2.3 Guidance from the Scottish Executive has indicated that the decision on spending should be given to Head Teachers. The resources are to be used to support delegated budgets.

3. PROPOSED ALLOCATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that all primary, secondary and special schools receive a proportion of the funding available Formulae taking account of individual establishment rolls and deprivation levels have been used to allocate £71,000 of resources to Primary and £70,000 Secondary Schools. Special schools have been allocated £2,000 each.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The additional revenue expenditure of £149,000 will be fully supported by Scottish Executive grant.

5. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This financial resource will assist the Council in meeting the following aspects of the Community Plan :-
- Improving opportunities;
 - Promoting community learning; and
 - Eliminating poverty

6. RISK MANAGAMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** This funding will assist the Council in meeting its learning and teaching objectives for young people.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:

- (i) agree the proposed allocation of the Scottish Executive's additional revenue; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Committee – 30 January 2007 (Agenda Item 11)

Scottish Executive correspondence dated 8 February 2007

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