

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS, EXPENDITURE IN 2001/02

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the additional financial resources for schools received from the Scottish Executive.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Executive's Education Department issued Circular 4/2001 on 7 August 2001, which allocated additional funds to local authorities under the Grants for Improvements in Schools Education [Scotland] Regulations 1998.
- 2.2 The amount allocated to East Ayrshire Council was £235,500 and is based on the September 2000 pupil roll for each educational establishment. Table 1 below details the allocation methodology and the number of applicable schools for each category.

Basis of Resource Distribution	Resource Allocation	Number of Schools	Total Allocated
Primary Schools			
Pupil Roll 1 – 100	£1,000	6	£6,000
101 – 200	£1,500	13	£19,500
201 – 400	£4,000	21	£84,000
401 – 600	£5,000	6	£30,000
601 and above	£8,000	0	£0
Primary Total			£139,500
Secondary Schools			
Pupil Roll 1 – 600	£8,000	1	£8,000
601 – 1,200	£10,000	8	£80,000
1,201 and above	£12,000	0	£0
Secondary Totals			£88,000
Special Schools			
Pupil Roll 1 – 100	£2,000	4	£8,000
101 and above	£3,000	0	£0
Special Totals			£8,000
Total Allocation for East Ayrshire			£235,500

3 USE OF RESOURCES

3.1 The Scottish Executive Circular highlights that all schools in East Ayrshire will benefit from the additional resources. It is up to local authorities and schools to determine how the resources are spent, taking account of local priorities and school development plans. Schools are also required to report to parents on how the resources have been used.

3.2 To ensure that East Ayrshire complies with central government instructions the following spending areas have been previously agreed with Head Teachers ;-

- A) Priorities identified in school development plans;
- B) Improving access to young people with Special Education Needs;
- C) Minor adaptations and repairs; and
- D) Additional staff, in particular behavioural support staff.

Head Teachers are likely to concentrate on one of these areas when actioning proposals.

4 FINANCIAL/ LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Education Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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20 August 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Department Circular 4/2001.

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AGENDA