

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: <b>Education Committee</b>	Subject: <b>Additional Financial Resources for Schools 2001/2002</b>
From: <b>Director of Education</b>	
Date: 15 August, 2001	
Ref: MON/CP/FG/NR	

**Purpose of Report**

To inform the education committee of the additional financial resources for schools allocated by the Scottish Executive for 2001/2002.

**Recommendations**

The education committee is asked to:

- (i) note the allocations to the school sector
- (ii) refer the report to the Policy & Resources (Finance) Sub Committee for information

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# **North Lanarkshire Council – Department of Education**

## **Additional Financial Resources for Schools 2001/2002**

### **Report by Director**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 On 8 August 2001 the director of education received circular 4/2001 from the Scottish Executive providing details of the arrangements for the distribution and payment of the additional financial resources to be made available to schools in Scotland following the budget statement by the chancellor of the exchequer on 7 March 2001.
- 1.2 The education department in North Lanarkshire Council has been asked to verify pupil rolls on an individual school basis in order that the correct grant can be allocated to the authority.
- 1.3 It is a condition of payment of this grant that the resources involved will be distributed to schools, that all schools in the authority's area will benefit from the additional resources and that resources will be additional to existing or planned school budgets for financial year 2001-2002. It is a further condition of the grant payment that schools inform parents as to how the money will be used.

#### **2. Distribution of Resources to Schools**

- 2.1 Ministers have expressed the wish that these resources are used to the maximum effect on the priority objective of raising standards in schools.
- 2.2 Head teachers will be informed that they should spend the resources in line with North Lanarkshire Council's policy on raising achievement. Further advice will be issued to head teachers' to assist them in determining how these additional resources should be spent which takes into account individual school development plans and reminds them of the need to consider priorities such as ICT national targets, improvements to the fabric of buildings, educational materials and equipment which will facilitate raising achievement activities across the curriculum.
- 2.3 All schools will be required to complete a proforma by the end of September 2001 indicating their proposals for spending the additional resources in order that the funding can be downloaded into the appropriate budget heading.
- 2.4 The allocation for each school will be based on actual pupil roll taken at the September 2001 census date.

2.5 The total grant available to North Lanarkshire Council has been based on the following distribution:

Primary schools with 100 pupils or less	£1,000
Primary schools with 100 but less than 201 pupils	£1,500
Primary schools with more than 200 but less than 401 pupils	£4,000
Primary schools with more than 400 but less than 601 pupils	£5,000
Secondary schools with 600 or less pupils	£8,000
Secondary schools with more than 600 but less than 1201 pupils	£10,000
Secondary school with 1201 or more pupils	£12,000
Special schools with 100 or less pupils	£2,000
Special schools with 101 or more pupils	£3,000

The total sum available to the authority is £657,500.

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