REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 15

**OCTOBER 2001** 

REPORT ON: BUDGET 2001 - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR

**SCHOOLS** 

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**REPORT NO: 669-2001** 

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks Committee approval of the arrangements for allocating the additional financial resources (£255,000) made available to schools following the budget statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in March 2001.

### 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 i.e.

	Rate £	Schools No.	Total Allocated £
Each primary school with more than 100 but less than 201 pupils	1,500	8	12,000
Each primary school with more than 200 but less than 401 pupils	4,000	27	108,000
Each primary school with more than 400 but less than 601 pupils	5,000	6	30,000
Each secondary school with more than 600 but less than 1201 pupils	10,000	9	90,000
Each secondary school with 1201 pupils or more	12,000	1	12,000
Each special school with 101 pupils or more	3,000	1	3,000
Total		•	255,000

- ii. note that it is a condition of payment that schools will report to parents of pupils at the school how the money has been used, either through the school development plan or by other means.
- iii. 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 £255,000 for allocation to schools determined on the basis of the calculation and subject to the conditions of payment detailed in section 2.1(i) 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

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

## 6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Circular 4/2001 issued by the Scottish Executive in August 2001 advised that Dundee City Council had been allocated £255,000 to be made available to schools following decisions by the Scottish Ministers in the light of the Budget statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 7 March 2001.
- The resources have been allocated to the Council on the basis of the formula outlined in section 2.1(i) of this report.
- lt is a condition of payment of this grant that the resources involved will be distributed to schools; that all the schools in the authority's area will benefit from the additional resources, and that the resources will be additional to existing or planned school budgets for financial year 2001-2002. It is also a condition of payment that the school will report to parents of pupils at the school how the money has been used, either through the school development plan or by other means.
- 6.4 Schools will use the additional funds to address property repair and maintenance priorities.

### 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

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.

Director of Education	Date