

Schools Forum 9 May 2006

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet No 4

Purpose of Fact Sheet

1. To report to Schools Forum the relative schools financial data announced in the March 2006 Chancellors budget speech.

Budget Working Group Discussed

2. Yes - 26 April 2006

Schools Forum

3. To note.

Attachments to Fact Sheet

4. None

Directorate of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet

No. 4 - 28 March 2006

The Chancellor's Budget Statement 2006

Additional School Standards Grant (SSG) Funding

- The Chancellor's Budget statement 2006 delivered on the 22nd March announced there would be new funding for schools to help make a faster headstart on delivering personalisation. An additional £220m in 2006/07, and £365m in 2007/08 will be paid direct to schools to help them provide greater personalisation of learning in and beyond the school day, especially for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The new money is not ring-fenced. The extra funding will be routed through the SSG .

National estimates of how much the funding will increase for an **average** school are:-

- The average primary school will go up from £31,000 in 2005/06 to a total of £39,500 in 2006/07 and £44,000 in 2007/08.
- The average secondary school will go up from £98,000 in 2005/06 to a total of £150,000 in 2006/07 and £190,000 in 2007/08

However, these are AVERAGE estimates and actual allocations will be heavily weighted for deprivation and prior attainment, therefore each schools additional allocation will vary.

- This Increase is on top of funding for personalisation in the Dedicated Schools Grant – schools' base budgets.
- Every school will need to decide what new activities would best suit its local circumstances and the needs of its pupils; the new funding could be used to:
 - provide more "catch up" intervention support, especially in literacy and numeracy, for those who have fallen behind
 - develop a full menu of study support opportunities, like after hours science clubs, masterclasses, and visits from professional writers or theatre groups, as part of their extended school activities — especially ensuring free access for children from deprived backgrounds who might otherwise miss out
 - provide intensive support for children facing multiple disadvantages — especially looked after children
 - broaden the range of curriculum options they offer, especially in Key Stage 4 (age 14-16)
 - develop secure, free, out-of-hours access to school facilities (eg ICT suites and sports halls)
 - support collaboration between schools (secondary and primary) and with FE and HE institutions to secure stretch for gifted and talented pupils.

Further guidance will be issued by the School Effectiveness Division in due course.

- The extra money received will be paid on a different basis to the rest of the SSG, which is currently largely based on pupil numbers. A significant proportion of the new money will be targeted to schools with low prior attainment and high levels of deprivation. But all schools will receive a share. The DfES aim to provide a ready-reckoner by Easter so that we can work out a provisional allocation for 2006/07. A formal notification of the allocation should be received by May half-term **and you can expect to receive the money by September**. These are provisional dates from the DfES.

Other DfES Initiatives

Capital Investment

- Capital Investment in education will continue to rise during the Spending Review period as the next phases of the Building Schools for the Future programme roll out. Investment in buildings and ICT will increase by £1.6billion to £8.035 billion by 2010-11 (the details will be given in the Comprehensive spending Review in July 2007). It is likely that a greater proportion of this will be funded through the PFI programme. This announcement does not affect capital spending totals for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Support for Science Teaching

- There will be a package of support for science teaching, to fund a pilot of 250 after-school science clubs for Key Stage 3 (11-14) pupils. Full details of this are not yet known.

ICT

- ICT: £10 million (£5m in 2006/07 and £5m in 2007/08) for ICT to ensure access to the internet for the most disadvantaged secondary school pupils. The investment will ensure that pupils benefiting from the home computer scheme announced in Budget 2005 have access to the internet.

Discussions will take place at Head Teachers Consultative Forum (HTCF) next term regarding these DfES initiatives.

Joint Treasury and DfES Review

- There will be a joint Treasury and DfES review of services for children and young people, feeding into CSR07. This will consider universal, targeted and specialist services.

Further Details

- Further details of the DfES announcement can be assessed via: http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/schoolfunding/2006-07_funding_arrangements/specifigrants200608/Personalisationfunding/ or http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2006_0042 or contacting Children's Services Finance Manager - Karen.cocker@dudley.gov.uk. Telephone 01384 81 5382.

John Freeman
Director of Children's Services
28 March 2006