

Harnessing Technology Grant 2008-2011

Schools Forum

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

To advise the Schools Forum of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Harnessing Technology Grant 2008-2011 and to seek its recommendation for the Local Authority proposal for allocating the funding.

Recommendation

The Schools Forum is requested to:

- Recommend to the Local Authority the proposal that a 25% proportion of the grant should continue as centralised funding, to ensure schools receive the benefits of aggregated purchasing for broadband delivery and online services through the South West Grid for Learning, (SWGfL).
- Note that SWGfL will be re-tendering for the managed service contract in 2009 and the new contract is expected to include additional services to schools with associated centralised costs, and therefore the Local Authority may need to submit a subsequent paper to review the future level of funding to be devolved to individual schools.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The British Educational Communications and Technology Agency, (BECTA) published the Harnessing Technology Grant guidance on the 28th November 2007, which was subsequently modified on the 17th January 2008. The new grant repackages the previously available separate capital grants for ICT for 2007 to 2008:
 - Grant 121 national digital infrastructure, (LA retained)
 - Grant 122 e- learning credits, (devolved to schools).
- 1.2 The new grant, allocated through the Standards Fund, is for technology investment that includes:
 - the upgrade of connectivity bandwidths
 - the implementation of a learning platform solution to provide a safe personalised online learning experience for all pupils
 - systems to achieve better use and integration of information to support learning, including assessment, attendance, behaviour and online updates to parents
 - investment in a range of technologies to support classroom-based learning (for example, interactive whiteboards and related tools, and other technologies like data loggers)

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- 1.3 The grant guidance expects Local Authorities to normally retain 25 per cent of their allocation centrally to ensure that all schools receive the benefits of aggregated purchasing, including the provision of broadband and online services through the SWGfL.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The total grant allocation over the 3 year period of 2008 to 2011 is £1,992,252. The Local Authority has projected costs in line with the grant guidance to devolve 75 percent to schools based on current infrastructure technologies and associated costs. The allocations document is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 School allocations have been calculated in line with the previous devolved funding formula of £1000 per school plus number on roll. As with the DCSF calculations, figures are based on the January 2007 census data and are only indicative for subsequent years.
- 2.3 The retained 25 percent of the grant is to enable the Local Authority to deliver to schools the DCSF targets of an integrated Learning Platform in 2008, a schools-Local Authority Management Information Systems integration solution by 2010, and the sustainability of schools broadband provision. The 25 percent retained element of the grant is in-line with DCSF and BECTA funding guidance.
- 2.4 The SWGfL announced on the 6th February the contract award and partnership with RM and Netmedia to deliver an integrated Learning Platform solution to all schools in the South West.
- 2.5 The SWGfL's solution is branded as "MERLIN" and will deliver the Local Authorities DCSF targets.
- 2.6 The Education ICT Group has endorsed the proposal that the Local Authority retains 25 percent of the grant in line with the guidance and has considered the technology changes and Local Authority capital investments that may require future adjustments to any allocations for the period of this grant.

Alternative Options

- School allocations are not defined in accordance with the guidance provided by the DCSF and BECTA. However, this option is not being pursued as it is currently considered that a central retention of 25% will be sufficient. Nevertheless, and as indicated earlier in the report, this figure may need to be reviewed in the light of the re-tendering of the managed service contract in 2009.

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Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

The Harnessing Technology Grant is ring fenced for specific objectives of expenditure, are determined by the DCSF and BECTA and may not be used for any other purpose.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

There are none.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

Promise 45 "We will make sure that schools will be at the heart of each community".

Consultees

The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix A - Harnessing Technology 2008-2011 grant allocations

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APPENDIX A

Harnessing Technology 2008-2011 grant allocations

Harnessing Technology Standards Fund Grant 2008 - 2011	Grant allocation 2008-09	Grant allocation 2009-10	Grant allocation 2010-11	Total Grant 2008/2011
Total Grant allocation	£665,313.00	£659,076.00	£667,863.00	£1,992,252.00
25% LA Retained	£166,328.25	£164,769.00	£166,965.75	£498,063.00
75% Devolved to Schools	£498,984.75	£494,307.00	£500,897.25	£1,494,189.00

School Allocation			2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
DfES No	Name	NOR January 07 Census	£1000 per School plus NOR	£1000 per School plus NOR	£1000 per School plus NOR
2000	Abbey Meads	302	£5,622.03	£5,570.55	£5,643.08
2095	Beechcroft	240	£4,673.14	£4,632.22	£4,689.86
3009	Bishopstone	45	£1,688.71	£1,681.04	£1,691.85
2011	Bridlewood	177	£3,708.94	£3,678.77	£3,721.27
2214	Brook Field	409	£7,259.63	£7,189.92	£7,288.14
2008	Catherine Wayte	320	£5,897.51	£5,842.97	£5,919.82
2026	Chiseldon	225	£4,443.56	£4,405.21	£4,459.25
2194	Colebrook Infants	102	£2,561.08	£2,543.70	£2,568.19
2166	Colebrook Juniors	176	£3,693.63	£3,663.63	£3,705.90
3465	Covingham Park	361	£6,525.01	£6,463.47	£6,550.17
2002	Drove	386	£6,907.63	£6,841.83	£6,934.53
2200	Eastrop Infants	159	£3,433.45	£3,406.35	£3,444.53
2009	Eldene	382	£6,846.41	£6,781.29	£6,873.03
2103	Even Swindon	367.5	£6,624.49	£6,561.84	£6,650.10
2106	Ferndale Infants	122	£2,867.18	£2,846.38	£2,875.68
2105	Ferndale Juniors	183	£3,800.77	£3,769.57	£3,813.52
2212	Goddard Park	404	£7,183.11	£7,114.24	£7,211.27
2109	Gorse Hill Infants	155	£3,372.23	£3,345.81	£3,383.04
2108	Gorse Hill Juniors	195	£3,984.42	£3,951.18	£3,998.01
2093	Grange Infants	259	£4,963.93	£4,919.78	£4,981.98
2092	Grange Juniors	376	£6,754.58	£6,690.48	£6,780.78
2164	Greenmeadow	258	£4,948.62	£4,904.64	£4,966.60
2050	Haydon Wick	277	£5,239.41	£5,192.19	£5,258.72
2229	Haydonleigh	318	£5,866.90	£5,812.70	£5,889.07
3001	Holy Family	257	£4,933.32	£4,889.51	£4,951.23
3426	Holy Rood Infants	180	£3,754.85	£3,724.17	£3,767.40
5211	Holy Rood Juniors	272	£5,162.89	£5,116.52	£5,181.84
3175	King William Street	142	£3,173.27	£3,149.07	£3,183.17
2123	Lainesmead	342	£6,234.22	£6,175.92	£6,258.05
2147	Lawn	388	£6,938.24	£6,872.10	£6,965.28

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DfES No	Name	NOR January 07 Census	£1000 per School plus NOR	£1000 per School plus NOR	£1000 per School plus NOR
3000	Lethbridge	487	£8,453.40	£8,370.39	£8,487.34
2004	Liden	337	£6,157.69	£6,100.25	£6,181.18
3464	Millbrook	380	£6,815.80	£6,751.02	£6,842.28
3461	Moredon	365	£6,586.23	£6,524.01	£6,611.66
2003	Mountford Manor	226	£4,458.87	£4,420.34	£4,474.62
2206	Northview	173	£3,647.72	£3,618.23	£3,659.78
2161	Nythe	167	£3,555.89	£3,527.42	£3,567.53
2005	Oaktree	263	£5,025.14	£4,980.31	£5,043.47
3458	Oliver Tomkins Infants	160	£3,448.76	£3,421.48	£3,459.91
3455	Oliver Tomkins Juniors	229	£4,504.78	£4,465.75	£4,520.74
3463	Orchid Vale	78	£2,193.77	£2,180.47	£2,199.21
2001	Peatmoor	202	£4,091.56	£4,057.12	£4,105.63
2007	Penhill	355	£6,433.18	£6,372.66	£6,457.92
3462	Red Oaks	282	£5,315.93	£5,267.86	£5,335.59
2211	Robert Le Kyng	399	£7,106.59	£7,038.57	£7,134.40
2204	Rodbourne Cheney	185	£3,831.38	£3,799.84	£3,844.27
2094	Ruskin	384	£6,877.02	£6,811.56	£6,903.78
2151	Seven Fields	217.5	£4,328.78	£4,291.70	£4,343.94
2210	Shaw Ridge	333	£6,096.48	£6,039.71	£6,119.68
3165	South Marston	109	£2,668.22	£2,649.64	£2,675.81
2051	Southfield	229	£4,504.78	£4,465.75	£4,520.74
5221	St Andrews	210	£4,213.99	£4,178.20	£4,228.63
3439	St Catherine's	191	£3,923.20	£3,890.65	£3,936.51
3460	St Francis C of E	155	£3,372.23	£3,345.81	£3,383.04
5220	St Mary's	241	£4,688.44	£4,647.36	£4,705.24
2203	Toothill	169	£3,586.50	£3,557.69	£3,598.28
2219	Tregoze	252	£4,856.79	£4,813.84	£4,874.35
2133	Wanborough	250	£4,826.18	£4,783.57	£4,843.61
2209	Westlea	305	£5,667.94	£5,615.95	£5,689.20
2167	Westrop	199	£4,045.64	£4,011.72	£4,059.51
2143	Wroughton Infants	209	£4,198.69	£4,163.06	£4,213.25
2156	Wroughton Juniors	335	£6,127.08	£6,069.98	£6,150.43
4065	Churchfields	1002	£16,335.34	£16,164.54	£16,405.17
5410	Commonweal	1099	£17,819.90	£17,632.56	£17,896.49
4060	Dorcan	1297	£20,850.23	£20,629.14	£20,940.63
4086	Greendown	1226	£19,763.60	£19,554.61	£19,849.04
4084	Hreod Parkway	1329	£21,339.99	£21,113.44	£21,432.61
4088	* Isambard	204	£4,122.16	£4,087.39	£4,136.38
5407	Kingsdown	1275	£20,513.53	£20,296.19	£20,602.39
5417	Ridgeway	1398	£22,396.01	£22,157.71	£22,493.44
5409	St Joseph's	1221	£19,687.08	£19,478.94	£19,772.17
4074	Warneford	937	£15,340.53	£15,180.81	£15,405.84
7000	Nyland	35	£1,535.67	£1,529.70	£1,538.10
7004	St Luke's	54	£1,826.46	£1,817.25	£1,830.22

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7006	Crowdys Hill	138	£3,112.05	£3,088.53	£3,121.67
7011	Chalet	36	£1,550.97	£1,544.83	£1,553.48
7012	Uplands	77.5	£2,186.12	£2,172.91	£2,191.52
7013	Brimble Hill	57	£1,872.37	£1,862.65	£1,876.34
1100	# Stratton PRU	69	£1,556.03	£1,544.26	£1,560.84
1100	## Stratton PRU	131	£2,504.92	£2,482.59	£2,514.05
Key:		Notes:			
* September 2007 census # Pupils at unit only ## Dual registered pupils		School Grant allocations for 2009-10 and 2010-11 will be recalculated based on previous year January school census data for number on roll.			

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