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Grant in Aid of Building Works at
Dunblane Primary School and Grant
in Aid of Local Authority Revenue
Costs Resulting from the Dunblane
Tragedy**

Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland
under section 108A of the Local Government
Finance Act 1992 as inserted by section 167 of
the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994

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Laid Before the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for Scotland

- Introduction**
1. This report is made by the Secretary of State for Scotland (“the Secretary of State”) and laid before the House of Commons under section 108A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”) as inserted by section 167 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. It specifies the determination concerning special grants which the Secretary of State proposes to pay to Stirling Council in consequence of the tragedy at Dunblane Primary School on 13 March 1996.
 2. This Report specifies the Secretary of State’s determination of the authority to which the grants are to be paid, the purpose for which the grants are to be paid and the manner in which the amount of each grant is to be calculated. It also sets out such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of the determinations.
 3. Before making the determination the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Grant in Aid of Building Works at Dunblane Primary School

4. The Purpose

Pursuant to section 108A(2)(b) of the 1992 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines the following purpose for which this special grant is to be paid:

for the replacement of the gymnasium and associated refurbishment at Dunblane Primary School.

5. Amount Payable to Council

Pursuant to section 108A(2)(a) and (c) of the 1992 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that an amount will be payable to Stirling Council, in accordance with certification by the Council’s auditors of the expenditures incurred for this purpose. The estimate of the sum required which has been notified to the Secretary of State by Stirling Council is £2.091 million.

Main Features

6. Annex A contains such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of the determination specified in this Report.

Grant in Aid of Revenue Costs Resulting From the Dunblane Tragedy

7. The Purpose

Pursuant to section 108A(2)(b) of the 1992 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines the following purpose for which this special grant is to be paid:

to meet the additional revenue costs incurred by Stirling Council, Central Regional Council and Stirling District Council and Central Scotland Police in 1995-96 and 1996-97 as a consequence of the Dunblane tragedy.

8. Amount Payable to Council

Pursuant to section 108A(2)(a) and (c) of the 1992 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that an amount will be payable to Stirling Council for such expenditures as may be agreed to have been incurred for this purpose and in accordance with certification by the Council's auditors of the expenditures incurred. The estimate of the sum required which has been notified to the Secretary of State by Stirling Council is £2.073 million.

Main Features

9. Annex B contains such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of the determination specified in this Report.

Michael Forsyth
The Scottish Office
12th February 1997

Annex A

Grant in Aid of Building Works at Dunblane Primary School

Main Features

1. The Secretary of State wishes to provide for the replacement of the gymnasium and associated building works at Dunblane Primary School following the tragic events at the school on 13 March 1996.

Method of Calculating the Grant Allocation

2. The amount of grant will be determined in consultation with the Council and is expected to cover the following items included in the estimate mentioned in paragraph 5 of this report:-

- Creation of new games hall;
- Redevelopment of office/reception to improve security;
- Modernisation of classrooms;
- Creation of new nursery;
- New library and medical area next to reception;
- Completion of window replacement programme;
- Alteration and upgrading of assembly hall;
- Upgrading of external appearance;
- Creation of a parents' room

Grant in Aid of Revenue Costs Resulting from the Dunblane Tragedy

Main Features

1. The Secretary of State wishes to ensure that the local community need not bear the revenue costs incurred by Stirling Council, Central Scotland Police, Stirling District Council and Central Regional Council as a result of the tragedy at Dunblane Primary School.

Method of Calculating the Grant Allocation

2. The amount of grant will be such as agreed with the Council.

3. The Council has estimated that the following local authority costs were incurred in 1995-96:

(a) Central Regional Council: £88,170

For expenditure on education, social work, emergency planning and communications.

(b) Central Scotland Police: £348,170

For expenditure on staff overtime, mutual aid, equipment, telecommunications, catering, stationery, publications, aftercare costs, inter alia.

(c) Stirling District Council: £16,242

For expenditure on community services.

4. The Council has estimated that the following local authority costs will have been incurred in 1996-97:

(a) Stirling Council: £1,268,720

(i) Education: additional teaching staff, absence cover, advisory, janitorial and clerical support, supervisory assistants, nursery nursing staff and staff counselling, inter alia.

(ii) Social Services: additional professional, administrative and clerical staff costs, assistance to the Dunblane Support Group, the provision of a helpline, counselling, the operating costs of the Dunblane Support Centre, inter alia.

(iii) Community Services: community drop-in centres, consultation with the community and refinements to burial grounds, inter alia.

(iv) Chief Executive's Office: staff costs, telecommunications and provision of newsletters, inter alia.

(v) Finance and Information Services: the management of funds.

(vi) Environmental Services: landscaping

(b) Central Scotland Police Joint Board: £351,830

For expenditure on staff overtime, mutual aid, equipment, telecommunications, catering, stationery, publications, aftercare costs, inter alia.

5. The sums in respect of expenditure by Stirling District Council and Central Regional Council are payable to Stirling Council as accounting authority for both these demitting authorities.

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