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Report by the Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State
under Section 88B(5)
of the Local Government Finance Act 1988

*Ordered by The House of Commons
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Introduction

1. This Report is made by the First Secretary of State and laid before the House of Commons under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 ('the 1988 Act') as substituted by paragraph 18 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It specifies a determination concerning special grants which the First Secretary of State proposes to pay to certain local authorities in England.
2. This Report specifies the First Secretary of State's determination of the authorities to which the grants are to be paid, the purpose for which the grants are to be paid and the amount of grant for each authority. It also sets out such explanation as the First Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of this determination and specifies the conditions which the First Secretary of State intends to impose on the payment of the grants to which this Report relates.
3. Before making the determination and before specifying the conditions the First Secretary of State obtained the consent of H.M. Treasury.

The Purpose

4. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(b) of the 1988 Act, the First Secretary of State hereby determines the following purpose for which special grants are to be paid:

to provide support to the local authorities in England listed in Column 1 of Annex A to this Report, for relevant expenditure incurred towards the implementation of the projects listed in Column 2 of Annex A. These projects will develop e-products and standards (such as the use of digital TV and on-line school admissions), disseminate shared learning to other authorities and help drive down the costs of implementing e-government.

Amounts Payable to Authorities

5. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(a) and (c)(i) of the 1988 Act, the First Secretary of State hereby determines, as to the authorities to which Local e-Government Grants are payable, and as to the amounts of each such grant, the authorities and amounts set out in columns 3, 4 and 5 of Annex A.

Main Features

6. Pursuant to section 88B(4) of the 1988 Act Annex B contains such explanation as the First Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of the determination specified in this Report.

Conditions for the payment of the Grants

7. Pursuant to section 88B(7) of the 1988 Act the First Secretary of State hereby specifies as the conditions which he intends to impose on the payment of the special grants, or any instalment of the grants, for the purpose described in paragraph 4 above the conditions set out in Annex C.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State.

Chris Leslie
Parliamentary Under Secretary, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
29 January 2003

The consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the making of this determination and to the conditions specified in Annex C to this Report.

Nick Ainger
Jim Fitzpatrick
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury
30 January 2003

Annex A

Calculation of Grant Payable to Authorities

Grant is to be paid to the authorities listed in column one, up to the sums set out in columns three to five, towards relevant expenditure incurred in the development and running of the National Projects set out in column two below:

Local Authority	National Project	Funding to Develop the Business Case (2002-04)	Funding for Project (2002-04)	Total Funding (2002-04)
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
London Borough of Wandsworth	Pan London Admissions Database	£25,000	£1,485,000	£1,510,000
Hertfordshire County Council	On-Line School Admissions	£25,000	£0 (1)	£25,000
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Customer Relations Management	£25,000	£4,250,000	£4,275,000
London Borough of Wandsworth	Local Planning Services	£25,000	£4,425,000	£4,450,000
Cambridgeshire County Council	E-procurement	£25,000	£2,500,000	£2,525,000
Kirklees Metropolitan Council	Digital TV	£25,000	£3,000,000	£3,025,000
London Borough of Newham	Council Tax & Business Rate Valuation (Valubill)	£25,000	£2,250,000	£2,275,000
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Working with Local Businesses	£25,000	£2,997,500	£3,022,500
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Smartcards	£25,000	£4,075,000	£4,100,000
Warwickshire County Council	Crime reduction & Youth offending	£25,000	£2,856,000	£2,881,000
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Benefits (Local Pensions/ Jobcentre Plus)	£25,000	£7,333,000	£7,358,000
London Borough of Camden	Personalised Local Service Websites	£25,000	£2,950,000	£2,975,000
Totals:		£300,000	£38,121,500	£38,421,500

- (1) Hertfordshire County Council will be allocated the main funding for their project once their business case has been worked up and approved.

Explanation of Grant

1. The grants are provided towards expenditure incurred by authorities listed in Annex A, or by another organisation which is part of a partnership with the named authority, during the financial years 2002-2004.
2. As part of the Government's £675m Local e-Government Programme, established to help local authorities e-enable their service delivery by 2005, grant of up to £75m has been earmarked for 2002/03 and 2003/04 to support a number of National Projects. These projects will develop e-products and standards, such as the use of digital TV and on-line school admissions, and disseminate shared learning to other authorities. Annex A lists the first tranche of these National Projects.
3. The National Projects build upon the work done by the 25 e-Government Pathfinders already supported by the Local e-Government Programme. They also build on 108 local authority led projects funded under the Invest to Save Budget. The Pathfinder projects have already helped to drive down the cost of key enabling technologies. The National Projects will enable other local authorities across the country to utilise products that are both proven and tailored to meet the needs of local government.

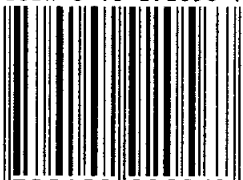
Annex C

Conditions for the Payment of the Grants

1. Grants shall only be paid to authorities to support relevant expenditure incurred on National Projects listed in Annex A to this Report.
2. Unless specifically designated in Annex A, or otherwise agreed by the First Secretary of State, the grant paid under this Report shall be used for capital expenditure purposes as defined in section 40 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (“the 1989 Act”) (including expenditure which is treated by the authority as capital expenditure by virtue of a direction under section 40(6) of the 1989 Act).
3. Grant allocated in Annex A that is not paid to an authority in the financial year for which it is allocated because the expenditure incurred by the authority (or by another organisation which is part of a partnership with the authority) in respect of the project are less than the amount allocated, may be paid, at the First Secretary of State’s discretion, to that authority in any later financial year or years in which expenditure is incurred by the authority (or by another organisation which is part of a partnership with the authority) in respect of the project.
4. With the exception of the £25,000 allocated to authorities (to develop their business cases) in column one of Annex A to this Report, or unless otherwise specified by the First Secretary of State, no grant will be paid to an authority unless the authority has first submitted a satisfactory business case and Project Initiation Document for their project to the Secretary of State (by a date specified by the First Secretary of State).
5. Grant to an authority will be paid subject to the First Secretary of State receiving on a claim form (provided by him) and signed by the authority’s Chief Finance Officer details of actual and anticipated expenditure submitted (by a date specified by the First Secretary of State).
6. Grant under this Report to an authority listed in Annex A will be paid subject to the authority making satisfactory progress with its project, and putting in place satisfactory arrangements for the dissemination of good practice to other local authorities.
7. Unless otherwise directed by the First Secretary of State, an authority shall provide a copy of the grant claim form provided to the First Secretary of State, to an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission by 30 September of the financial year following the final grant payment to the authority under this Report, with a request that the information is certified and sent to the First Secretary of State to be received by the First Secretary of State no later than 30 December the same financial year.
8. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions set out in this Annex as applicable to the grant, then the First Secretary of State may require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid to that authority, as may be determined by the First Secretary of State and notified in writing to the authority. Such sum as has been notified shall immediately become repayable to the First Secretary of State.
9. The authority shall supply to the First Secretary of State such further information as may be required by him for the purposes of determining whether it has complied with these conditions.

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