

Department for Education and Skills

**Local Government
Finance (England)**

**Special Grant
Report (No. 118)**

Report by the Secretary of State for Education and
Skills under Section 88B of the Local Government
Finance Act 1988

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REPORT ON SPECIAL GRANT FOR:

LOCAL AUTHORITIES RATED EXCELLENT AND 3* EDUCATION PERFORMERS UNDER THE AUDIT COMMISSION'S 2002 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

LAI D BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Introduction

1. This Report is made by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills ("the 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 determinations concerning special grants which the Secretary of State proposes to pay to certain local authorities in England.
2. This Report specifies the Secretary of State's determinations of the authorities to which the grants are to be paid, the purposes for which grants are to be paid and the amounts of the grants which he proposes to pay. It also sets out such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the main features of these determinations and specifies the conditions which the Secretary of State intends to impose on the payments of the grants to which this Report relates.
3. Before making these determinations, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

The Purposes

4. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(b) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines the following purposes as purposes for which the special grants are to be paid:
 - to provide support to local authorities in England who have been recognised by the Audit Commission through Comprehensive Performance Assessment for their achievements in raising educational standards.

Amounts Payable to Authorities

5. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(a) and (c)(i) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the authorities to which the special grants are to be paid, the total amounts payable, the manner in which the amounts of the grants are to be calculated, and the allocation to each authority, are as listed in Annex A.

Main features

6. The Government has determined that high performing local authorities should have the freedom to decide how they spend the Standards Fund grant they receive from the Department for Education and Skills, with the exception of grant that must be devolved to schools. A high performing local authority is one that has been rated as "Excellent" and "3*" for education in the Audit Commission's 2002 Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

Conditions for the Payment of the Grants

7. Pursuant to section 88B(7) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby specifies no conditions which he intends to impose on the payment of the special grants for the purposes described in paragraph 4 above.

*Charles Clarke
Secretary of State for
Education and Skills*

10th April 2003

The consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the making of these determinations.

*Philip Woolas
Jim Fitzpatrick
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury*

11th April 2003

Annex A

AUTHORITIES TO WHICH GRANTS ARE PAYABLE AND THE MANNER OF CALCULATION

1. Grant is to be paid to any authority in England which falls within the following classes of receiving authority and which has the functions of a local education authority:

- a. county councils;
- b. London borough councils;
- c. the Common Council of the City of London;
- d. district councils with the functions of county councils;
- e. councils of metropolitan districts; and

rated as "Excellent" and "3* education performers" in the Audit Commission's 2002 Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

2. The amount of grant payable to each authority is based on the formulae for allocation set out in DfES Standards Fund Circular issued to all local education authorities on 29 November 2002, and for each authority is the amount not required to be devolved to its schools.

Special Grant Allocations 2003-2004

Authority Names	Special Grant Allocation (£)
Camden	1,624,440
Cheshire	2,589,042
City of London	80,720
Cornwall	2,850,113
Hampshire	6,435,584
Hartlepool	696,887
Hertfordshire	4,226,625
Kensington and Chelsea	984,633
Kingston upon Thames	793,249
Kirklees	2,489,495
West Sussex	3,188,233
Wigan	1,470,474
Total	27,429,495



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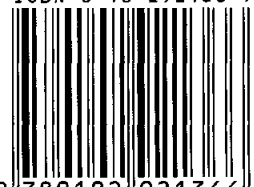
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