

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

7 MARCH 2000

THE EXCELLENCE FUND FOR SCHOOLS - 2000/2001

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

ABSTRACT

This report draws the Committee's attention to improvement plans submitted for the 10 core programmes of the Excellence Fund in 2000/2001.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report and of the improvement plans submitted to the Scottish Executive.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Reference is made to the meeting of the Education Committee of 26 January 1999 when I was authorised to submit improvement plans to SOEID for each section of the Core Programme of the Excellence Fund (Article 7 (a) of the minute of the meeting refers).
- 2.2 Each improvement plan submitted covered the 3 year period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2002.
- 2.3 The Scottish Executive have now confirmed the precise levels of funding for the Excellence Fund in 2000/2001. There is one new section of the Core Programme - Programme 10 "Inclusion" - and six of the previous nine programmes have received an uplift in funding (as originally indicated). The Scottish Executive sought updated proposals for each of these seven programmes by 29 February 2001.
- 2.4 The enclosed improvement plans have now been submitted to the Scottish Executive in order to comply with the timescale set by them. These plans (with the exception of the new Programme 10 (Inclusion)) are very much in line with the Council's initial 3 year submission prepared in January 1999.
- 2.5 The Committee is asked to note that no updated plans have been sought for Programmes 3 (Early Intervention), 4 (Support for Parents) or 8 (Higher Still). The improvement plans for these aspects of the Excellence Fund are being maintained on a similar basis to arrangements for 1999/2000.

3 CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, this report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law & Administration.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

APPENDIX

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