

# Local Government Finance (WALES)

## Special Grant Report (No. 5)

(Wales) 2000

### Introduction

1. This Report is made by the National Assembly for Wales ("the Assembly") under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 ("the 1988 Act"). This Report specifies a determination of special grants which the Assembly proposes to pay to county councils and county borough councils in Wales ("authorities").
2. This Report specifies the Assembly'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 manner in which the amounts of the grants are to be calculated. It also sets out such explanation as the Assembly considers desirable of the main features of the determination and specifies the conditions the Assembly intends to impose on the payment of the grants.

### The purpose

3. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(b) of the 1988 Act, the Assembly hereby determines the following purposes for which special grants are to be paid:

To provide support to enable authorities in partnership with the health service and other agencies, including those from the voluntary sector, to promote a range of targeted and innovative services which will support the emerging strategy for children and young people in Wales as set out in their individual Children and Youth Partnership Fund plans.

To provide £1m under the Play 2000 grant scheme for the purpose of improving play facilities in deprived communities for the financial year 2000-2001 only, subject to specific approval and reporting procedures.

### Authorities and amounts payable

4. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(a) and (c) of the 1988 Act, the Assembly hereby determines that the authorities to which special grants are to be paid and the amounts payable are those specified in Annex A .

## **Conditions for the payment of special grants**

5. Pursuant to section 88B(7) of the 1988 Act, the Assembly hereby specifies as the conditions which the Assembly intends to impose on the payment of special grants, the conditions set out in Annex B.

## **Main features**

6. Pursuant to section 88(4) of the 1988 Act, Annex C contains such explanation as the Assembly considers desirable of the main features of the determination specified in this report.



Approved by resolution of the National Assembly for Wales on \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex A

### Calculation of the amounts of grant payable to authorities

#### Distribution of Children and Youth Partnership Fund resources of £9,512,336 and Play 2000 resources of £970,000

Distribution on composite indicator used for children and young persons Personal Social Services Indicator Basement Assessments<sup>1</sup>

Local Authority	Children and Youth Partnership Fund	Play 2000	Total
	2000-2001		
	£s	£s	£s
Isle of Anglesey	184,092	17,857	201,949
Gwynedd	310,663	30,134	340,797
Conwy	288,013	27,937	315,950
Denbighshire	279,612	27,122	306,734
Flintshire	435,345	42,228	477,573
Wrexham	410,038	39,774	449,812
Powys	289,700	28,101	317,801
Ceredigion	150,776	14,625	165,401
Pembrokeshire	337,477	32,735	370,212
Carmarthenshire	462,228	44,836	507,064

Swansea	881,047	85,462	966,509
Neath Port Talbot	519,031	50,346	569,377
Bridgend	344,298	44,523	388,821
The Vale of Glamorgan	379,024	40,839	419,863
Rhondda Cynon Taff	859,635	83,385	943,020
Merthyr Tydfil	253,556	24,595	278,151
Caerphilly	504,988	67,508	572,496
Blaenau Gwent	254,511	24,688	279,199
Torfaen	337,742	35,671	373,413
Monmouthshire	193,029	18,724	211,753
Newport	495,024	58,687	553,711
Cardiff	1,342,507	130,223	1,472,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,512,336</b>	<b>970,000</b>	<b>10,482,336</b>

Payments of grants will be subject to the conditions set out in Annex B.

## **.Annex B**

### **Conditions for the payment of special grants**

1. The grants described in Annex A shall be used in the financial year 2000-2001. A pre-condition of eligibility is that authorities have submitted a Children and Youth Partnership plan for 2000-2001, including a supplement for Play 2000, together with information on targets, and that the plan is approved by the Assembly.

2. Authorities shall use their best endeavours, as shall be determined according to the Assembly's own judgement, to deliver the outcomes specified in the Children and Youth Partnership plan.
3. The grants shall be used to fund authorities' contribution to the plan, whether that is through the direct provision of services or through the making of lawful arrangements with other persons to provide services.
4. Each authority should confirm in writing, before any grant is paid, that it intends, and believes it is able, to use the grant for the specified purpose in the financial year 2000-2001. That confirmation is required before **31 May 2000**. To the extent that an authority cannot give such a confirmation, then it should confirm what lower amount it could spend, which will then become its allocation.
5. In addition, in respect of the Play 2000 grant scheme, each authority should submit, **by 30 June 2000**, a supplement to its Children and Youth Partnership plan setting out a summary of its proposed expenditure. A report listing the uses to which grant has been put or are planned will be required **by 15 September 2000** as a contribution to the Assembly's review of play provision in Wales.
6. Authorities are required to monitor how the special grant has been spent and the results of that expenditure. Authorities should provide the Assembly with:
  - (a) a report identifying how resources have been used and setting out the outcomes that have been achieved, by **30 June 2001**; and
  - (b) an Auditor's Certificate, showing actual expenditure met from the grant. By **30 September 2001**, each authority in receipt of grant shall complete a form that will be provided by the National Assembly for Wales showing all expenditure met from the grant during the financial year to 31 March 2001, and obtain certification of this form – by no later than **31 December 2001** – by an external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission.
7. If an authority fails to comply with any of these conditions, or pre-conditions, then the Assembly may require the repayment in whole or part of the grant monies paid to that authority, as may be determined by the Assembly and communicated in writing to that authority. Such sum shall immediately become repayable to the Assembly.
8. An authority shall supply to the Assembly such further information as may be required by it for the purposes of determining whether it has complied with these conditions.

## Annex C

### Main features of the Children and Youth Partnership Fund

1. The Children and Youth Partnership Fund was launched in April 1999 and is one of the elements of the Social Inclusion Fund. The Fund is aimed at promoting local initiatives to lift youngsters' educational achievements, engage them in creative activities in their communities and encourage them away from crime, drugs, vandalism and truancy. It will encourage young people and children to strive for independence, and to develop a sense of community and personal achievement.
2. The Children and Youth Partnership Fund will build on the principles which will underpin the Strategy for Children and Young People in Wales, through:
  - *partnership working between statutory and voluntary sectors;*
  - *local assessment of needs;*
  - *positive outcomes for children and young people;*
  - *promoting independence and responsibility;*
  - *promoting community identity and local voluntary effort;*
  - *preventive rather than crisis intervention;*
  - *encouraging innovation;*
  - *fighting social exclusion;*
  - *supporting crime reduction programmes;*
  - *supporting educational achievement; and*
  - *being responsive to the wishes and aspirations of children and young people themselves.*

### Main features of the Play 2000 grant

1. The Play 2000 grant scheme provides £1m for the purpose of improving play facilities in deprived communities in Wales. Grant funding is available for the financial year 2000 – 2001 and is intended to address the following issues:

- *Deprivation – meeting the need for improvement of open access play provision in the most deprived communities in Wales. This does not rule out replacement or upgrading of existing facilities*
- *Sustainability –as far as possible grant should be aimed at generating sustainable change and encouraging new ways of working. This is a one-off opportunity.*
- *Partnership and community regeneration – distribution and administration of funding should be planned and monitored through partnership arrangements that can ensure sensitivity to local need.*
- *Evaluation - evaluation of impact is important in assessing value and appropriate use of the finance and in order to inform decisions that the Assembly may wish to make for the future.*