

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE (WALES)

Special Grant Report (No 19) (Wales) 2002.

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”)¹. This report specifies a determination of special grants that 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 amount of grant to be paid to each authority. 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)¹ of the 1988 Act, the Assembly hereby determines the following purpose for which the special grants will be paid: to provide local authorities with additional funding to meet the difference between sums identified within the revenue settlement for the financial year 2001-2002 for teachers’ threshold pay and the actual costs to local authorities in 2001-2002 of teachers’ threshold pay, so as to fully fund the costs of teachers’ threshold pay for the financial year 2001-2002 (Teachers’ Threshold Pay Grant).

¹ Section 88B was inserted in the 1988 Act by paragraph 18 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992. By virtue of the National Assembly (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 functions of the Secretary of State under section 88B are exercisable in relation Wales by the National Assembly for Wales subject to the provisions of that order.

Amount Payable by Authorities

4. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(a) and (c) of the 1988 Act, the Assembly hereby determines that the authorities to whom Special Grants are to be paid and the amounts of such grants are as set out in Annex A.

Main Features

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

Conditions for the Payment of Special Grants

6. 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 the grants, the conditions set out in Annex C.

Approved by resolution of the National Assembly for Wales on 10 December 2002.

ANNEX A**AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO AUTHORITIES**

1. Grant is to be paid to every county council and county borough council in Wales which has the functions of a local education authority.
2. The amounts of grant payable to each authority will be as follows :

LEA	£'s
Isle of Anglesey	71,319.00
Gwynedd	189,547.00
Conwy	158,428.00
Denbighshire	257,809.00
Flintshire	305,949.06
Wrexham	234,010.31
Powys	186,354.00
Ceredigion	141,353.00
Pembrokeshire	181,997.42
Carmarthenshire	424,641.00
Swansea	636,645.34
Neath Port Talbot	263,981.00
Bridgend	166,795.02
Vale of Glamorgan	118,285.00
Rhondda Cynon Taff	258,355.00
Merthyr Tydfil	163,042.53
Caerphilly	93,629.17
Blaenau Gwent	87,291.65
Torfaen	134,987.00
Monmouthshire	96,774.84
Newport	235,881.00
Cardiff	789,212.96

ANNEX B

MAIN FEATURES OF THE GRANT

1. The purpose of the grant is to fulfil the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to fully fund the costs of teachers' threshold pay for the financial year 2001-2002 by meeting the difference in funding between actual costs for individual local authorities compared with the shares identified in the revenue settlement for 2001-2002.
2. The amounts of the grants reflect the difference in actual costs compared with shares identified in the revenue settlement for 2001-2002, based on individual returns supplied on behalf of each authority's Chief Education Officer.
3. The grants will be paid directly to local authorities and will be retained by each local authority. There is no requirement for onward transmission to schools as the difference between actual costs and identified shares have been met from central budgets.

CONDITIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF GRANT

Confirmation of threshold standards

1. It is a condition of the grant that each authority, where it has not already done so, provides confirmation, in all cases, that threshold standards have been met for all teachers claimed for in the individual returns supplied on behalf of the authority's Chief Education Officer. If an authority fails to do so then the Assembly may require the repayment of such of the grant monies paid to that authority as may be determined by the Assembly and notified in writing to the authority. Such sum as has been notified shall become immediately repayable to the Assembly.