

Cabinet – 18 June 2008

Harnessing Technology grant

Portfolio: Councillor Zahid Ali, Children's Services

Service: Education Walsall

Wards: All

Key decision: Yes

Forward plan: Yes

1. Summary of report

The report sets out the proposed allocation of the Harnessing Technology grant to schools. These projects will provide improved ICT learning environments for Walsall pupils.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the allocation to schools as set out in **Appendix 1**.

3. Background information

3.1 The Harnessing Technology Grant was introduced by the DCSF in 2008 to replace all former ICT standards funds.

3.2 As per national guidance, 25% of the grant will be retained for regional initiatives and aggregated procurement and in addition, Education Walsall have already agreed with Schools Forum that an amount of the grant (£237,000) will be retained for specific projects in relation to e-Safety, the Becta Self-Review Framework, community wireless technologies and upgrading the circuits in place to provide connectivity to schools.

4. Resource considerations

4.1 Financial:

4.1.1 As previously reported the authority has been advised of capital allocations for the three-year period from 2008/09. The capital grant available in 2008/09 is £0.934m and the council is required to provide match funding from Dedicated Schools Grant of £0.217m giving a total funding available for this project of £1.151m.

4.1.2 As part of the funding information, schools will be provided with information as supplied by the DCSF as to how this funding should be used. These priorities include:

- the extension of ICT access and ICT-based services
- the implementation of learning platforms to enable learners to store and access their work and related information and resources on a secure online space, enabling teachers to share resources and view individual progress more easily
- systems to achieve better use and integration of information to support learning, including assessment, attendance, behaviour and more regular reporting and updates to parents
- investment in a range of technologies to support classroom-based learning (for example, interactive whiteboards and related tools, and other technologies like data loggers).

the upgrade of connectivity bandwidths appropriate to particular circumstances and needs, ensuring learners have good access to internet-based services and resources to support their learning at any time while in school

4.1.3 The process for schools will be as per the current Devolved Formula Capital process to ensure that schools are using the funding as appropriate to meet the conditions.

4.1.4 The funding available for schools (after funding £0.525m for regional initiative as described in paragraph 3.2 above) is £0.626m. It is proposed that the funding will be allocated on the basis of £1000 per school plus £11.88 per full-time equivalent pupil. This uses the same formula as previously recommended by the DfES for other ICT grants. The allocations to each school are listed at **Appendix 1**.

4.2 **Legal:**

4.2.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

4.3 **Staffing:**

4.3.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

5. **Citizen impact**

5.1 All schemes will contribute to an improved learning environment for Walsall pupils, their families and the wider community.

6. **Community safety**

6.1 This links with the centrally-managed project on e-safety – our Borough-wide programme.

7. **Environmental impact**

7.1 All schemes will incorporate the use of sustainable resources wherever possible and designs would incorporate developments to reduce the impact on the environment.

8. Performance and risk management issues

8.1 Risk:

- 8.1.1 Schools may have in place ICT renewal programmes are at risk of delays that might affect the timescales and cost of projects. These risks will be managed as far as is practicable on an ongoing basis.

8.2 Performance management:

- 8.2.1 There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

9. Equality implications

- 9.1 The proposed schemes would result in improved ICT environments for pupils and families in Walsall schools.

10. Consultation

- 10.1 Schools Forum have already been consulted on the use of the Harnessing Technology grant and have agreed a number of projects to funded centrally to ensure that all schools benefit and to support cost savings through large-scale central procurement on a number of these projects.

Background papers

N/A

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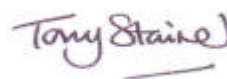
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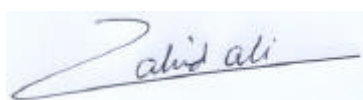
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Appendix 1

School	FTE	Per school	Per Pupil amount	Total per school
Alumwell Nursery	60	£1,000.00	£712.80	£1,712.80
Fullbrook Nursery	40	£1,000.00	£475.20	£1,475.20
Lane Head Nursery	56	£1,000.00	£665.28	£1,665.28
Millfields Nursery	46.5	£1,000.00	£552.42	£1,552.42
Ogley Hay Nursery	22.5	£1,000.00	£267.30	£1,267.30
Rowley View Nursery	40	£1,000.00	£475.20	£1,475.20
Sandbank Nursery	56.5	£1,000.00	£671.22	£1,671.22
Valley Nursery	40.5	£1,000.00	£481.14	£1,481.14
Abbey Primary	165	£1,000.00	£1,960.20	£2,960.20
Alumwell Infant	267	£1,000.00	£3,171.96	£4,171.96
Alumwell Junior	351	£1,000.00	£4,169.88	£5,169.88
Barcroft Primary	373.5	£1,000.00	£4,437.18	£5,437.18
Beacon Primary	263	£1,000.00	£3,124.44	£4,124.44
Bentley Drive JMI	391	£1,000.00	£4,645.08	£5,645.08
Bentley West Primary	413	£1,000.00	£4,906.44	£5,906.44
Birchills CE Primary Community	314	£1,000.00	£3,730.32	£4,730.32
Blackwood	580.5	£1,000.00	£6,896.34	£7,896.34
Blakenall Heath Junior	214	£1,000.00	£2,542.32	£3,542.32
Bloxwich CE JMI	311	£1,000.00	£3,694.68	£4,694.68
Blue Coat CE Infant	271	£1,000.00	£3,219.48	£4,219.48
Blue Coat CE Junior	337	£1,000.00	£4,003.56	£5,003.56
Brownhills West Primary	159	£1,000.00	£1,888.92	£2,888.92
Busill Jones Primary	260	£1,000.00	£3,088.80	£4,088.80
Butts Primary	229.5	£1,000.00	£2,726.46	£3,726.46
Caldmore Community Primary	231.5	£1,000.00	£2,750.22	£3,750.22
Castlefort JMI	191	£1,000.00	£2,269.08	£3,269.08
Christ Church CE JMI	221	£1,000.00	£2,625.48	£3,625.48
Chuckery Primary	423.5	£1,000.00	£5,031.18	£6,031.18
Cooper & Jordan CE Primary	450	£1,000.00	£5,346.00	£6,346.00
County Bridge Primary	192.5	£1,000.00	£2,286.90	£3,286.90
Croft Community Primary	179.5	£1,000.00	£2,132.46	£3,132.46
Delves Infant	308.5	£1,000.00	£3,664.98	£4,664.98
Delves Junior	356	£1,000.00	£4,229.28	£5,229.28
Edgar Stammers Primary	349.5	£1,000.00	£4,152.06	£5,152.06
Elmore Green Primary	301	£1,000.00	£3,575.88	£4,575.88
Fibbersley Park Primary	415	£1,000.00	£4,930.20	£5,930.20
Green Rock Primary	214.5	£1,000.00	£2,548.26	£3,548.26
Greenfield Primary	266.5	£1,000.00	£3,166.02	£4,166.02
Harden Primary	249	£1,000.00	£2,958.12	£3,958.12
Hatherton Primary	400	£1,000.00	£4,752.00	£5,752.00
Hillary Primary	392	£1,000.00	£4,656.96	£5,656.96
Holy Trinity CE Primary	215.5	£1,000.00	£2,560.14	£3,560.14
King Charles Primary	142.5	£1,000.00	£1,692.90	£2,692.90
King's Hill Primary	285	£1,000.00	£3,385.80	£4,385.80
Leamore Primary	227.5	£1,000.00	£2,702.70	£3,702.70
Leighswood	519.5	£1,000.00	£6,171.66	£7,171.66
Lindens Primary	304	£1,000.00	£3,611.52	£4,611.52
Little Bloxwich CE Primary	199	£1,000.00	£2,364.12	£3,364.12
Lodge Farm JMI	303	£1,000.00	£3,599.64	£4,599.64
Lower Farm Primary	417	£1,000.00	£4,953.96	£5,953.96

Manor Primary	280.5	£1,000.00	£3,332.34	£4,332.34
Meadow View JMI	285.5	£1,000.00	£3,391.74	£4,391.74
Millfield Primary	185	£1,000.00	£2,197.80	£3,197.80
Moorcroft Wood Primary	220	£1,000.00	£2,613.60	£3,613.60
Mossley Primary	223	£1,000.00	£2,649.24	£3,649.24
New Invention Infant	292.5	£1,000.00	£3,474.90	£4,474.90
New Invention Junior	344	£1,000.00	£4,086.72	£5,086.72
North Walsall Primary	220	£1,000.00	£2,613.60	£3,613.60
Old Church CE Primary	322.5	£1,000.00	£3,831.30	£4,831.30
Palfrey Infant	312	£1,000.00	£3,706.56	£4,706.56
Palfrey Junior	350	£1,000.00	£4,158.00	£5,158.00
Park Hall Infant	296	£1,000.00	£3,516.48	£4,516.48
Park Hall Junior	407	£1,000.00	£4,835.16	£5,835.16
Pelsall Village	228.5	£1,000.00	£2,714.58	£3,714.58
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	674.5	£1,000.00	£8,013.06	£9,013.06
Pinfold Street JMI	310	£1,000.00	£3,682.80	£4,682.80
Pool Hayes Primary	204	£1,000.00	£2,423.52	£3,423.52
Radleys Primary	208.5	£1,000.00	£2,476.98	£3,476.98
Rosedale CE Infant	173	£1,000.00	£2,055.24	£3,055.24
Rough Hay Primary	253.5	£1,000.00	£3,011.58	£4,011.58
Rushall JMI	208	£1,000.00	£2,471.04	£3,471.04
Ryders Hayes	425.5	£1,000.00	£5,054.94	£6,054.94
Salisbury Primary	228	£1,000.00	£2,708.64	£3,708.64
Short Heath Junior	228	£1,000.00	£2,708.64	£3,708.64
St Anne's Catholic Primary	218	£1,000.00	£2,589.84	£3,589.84
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary	187	£1,000.00	£2,221.56	£3,221.56
St Francis Catholic Primary	210	£1,000.00	£2,494.80	£3,494.80
St Giles CE Primary	294	£1,000.00	£3,492.72	£4,492.72
St James Primary	182	£1,000.00	£2,162.16	£3,162.16
St John's CE Primary	333	£1,000.00	£3,956.04	£4,956.04
St Joseph's Catholic Primary	217	£1,000.00	£2,577.96	£3,577.96
St Mary of the Angels Catholic	226.5	£1,000.00	£2,690.82	£3,690.82
St Mary's the Mount Catholic	225	£1,000.00	£2,673.00	£3,673.00
St Michael's CE Primary	341	£1,000.00	£4,051.08	£5,051.08
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	222	£1,000.00	£2,637.36	£3,637.36
St Peter's Catholic Primary	213.5	£1,000.00	£2,536.38	£3,536.38
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic	170	£1,000.00	£2,019.60	£3,019.60
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	171	£1,000.00	£2,031.48	£3,031.48
Walsall Wood	201	£1,000.00	£2,387.88	£3,387.88
Watling Street JMI	202.5	£1,000.00	£2,405.70	£3,405.70
Whetstone Field Primary	231	£1,000.00	£2,744.28	£3,744.28
Whitehall Junior Community	292	£1,000.00	£3,468.96	£4,468.96
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	230	£1,000.00	£2,732.40	£3,732.40
Woodlands Primary	395	£1,000.00	£4,692.60	£5,692.60
Aldridge School - a Science School	1,291	£1,000.00	£15,337.08	£16,337.08
Alumwell Business & Enterprise College	751	£1,000.00	£8,921.88	£9,921.88
Barr Beacon Language College	1,184	£1,000.00	£14,065.92	£15,065.92
Blue Coat CE Performing Arts Specialist College	796	£1,000.00	£9,456.48	£10,456.48
Brownhills Community Technology College	749	£1,000.00	£8,898.12	£9,898.12
Darlaston Community Science College	936	£1,000.00	£11,119.68	£12,119.68
Frank F Harrison Community	786	£1,000.00	£9,337.68	£10,337.68
Joseph Leckie Community Technology College	924	£1,000.00	£10,977.12	£11,977.12

Pool Hayes Community	1,053	£1,000.00	£12,509.64	£13,509.64
Queen Mary's Grammar	480	£1,000.00	£5,702.40	£6,702.40
Queen Mary's High	473	£1,000.00	£5,619.24	£6,619.24
Sheffield Sports and Community College	1,161	£1,000.00	£13,792.68	£14,792.68
Shire Oak - A Science College	1,166	£1,000.00	£13,852.08	£14,852.08
Sneyd - A Specialist Maths & Computing College	930	£1,000.00	£11,048.40	£12,048.40
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Technology College	906	£1,000.00	£10,763.28	£11,763.28
St Thomas More Catholic Business & Enterprise Coll.	1,176	£1,000.00	£13,970.88	£14,970.88
Streetly - Specialist Sports College	1,164	£1,000.00	£13,828.32	£14,828.32
Willenhall School Sports College	1,332	£1,000.00	£15,824.16	£16,824.16
Castle	95	£1,000.00	£1,128.60	£2,128.60
Elmwood	35	£1,000.00	£415.80	£1,415.80
Jane Lane	127	£1,000.00	£1,508.76	£2,508.76
Mary Elliot	64	£1,000.00	£760.32	£1,760.32
Oakwood	62.5	£1,000.00	£742.50	£1,742.50
Old Hall	74	£1,000.00	£879.12	£1,879.12
Phoenix	15	£1,000.00	£178.20	£1,178.20
New Leaf Centre	22.5	£1,000.00	£267.30	£1,267.30
Ruiz Centre	17.85	£1,000.00	£212.06	£1,212.06
Shepwell Centre	11.5	£1,000.00	£136.62	£1,136.62
Total	42,439	£122,000	£504,174	£626,174