

Area Based Grant (ABG) – Update

At its meeting on 18-Feb-2009 the Public Service board (PSB) received a report summarising the purpose for which ABG is being used and the opportunities/consequences of reallocating the funding. (That report is itself summarised below – after which is an extract from the PSB minutes showing what was agreed.)

*A fuller version of this report is available within the PSB meeting papers at:
http://portal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/content/public/oxfordshirepartnership/PSBmeetings/180209/PSB_FEB1809R03.pdf*

1. The government decided to pool hitherto separate, specific and ring-fenced grants to local authorities into one single Area Based Grant (ABG) in order to give more flexibility and freedom at the local level.
2. The Department for Communities and Local Government advise that ABG can be used to meet priorities agreed with partners and there is no requirement to report back to government on its use. However, not all government departments have recognised this: for example the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Department of Health expect that some grants should continue to be spent on the purposes originally agreed, and that councils should continue to report on their use.
3. The table below sets out how much money is included in the ABG.

Council	2008-09 £000s	2009-10 £000s	2010-11 £000s
Oxfordshire County Council	26,004	26,950	42,572*
Oxford City Council	202	207	213
Cherwell District Council	48	70	97
South Oxfordshire District Council	22	22	22
Vale of White Horse District Council	22	22	22
West Oxfordshire District Council	22	22	22

* includes Supporting people grant for the first time

4. Details of the grants pooled into the ABG are set out in **Annex 1**.
5. In 2008-2009 the county council passported ABG to the services and partnerships who received the original grants.

Details of the grants pooled in the Area Based Grant 2008-2011

Oxfordshire County Council			
Children & Young People	2008-09 £000s	2009-10 £000s	2010-11 £000s
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Grant (CAMHS)	701	739	778
Carers Grant (Children)	417	449	481
Children's Fund	869	869	869
Connexions	4,914	4,669	4,658
Positive Activities for Young People	178	306	397
School Development Grant	1,835	1,835	1,835
Extended Schools Start Up Costs	925	1,593	655
School Improvement Partners	289	289	289
Education Health Partnerships	135	120	120
Choice Advisers	37	37	37
School Intervention	189	189	189
Flexible 14-19 Partnership	159	159	160
Extended Rights to Free Travel	179	329	479
Sustainable Travel	52	52	52
Secondary Nat Strategy - Behaviour & Attendance	183	183	183
Secondary Nat Strategy - Central Coordination	268	267	267
Primary Nat Strategy - Central Coordination	319	320	320
Teenage Pregnancy	160	160	160
Care Matters White Paper	246	345	403
Child Death Review Processes	54	56	58
Young People's Substance Misuse	188	188	107
Child Trust Fund	4	6	7
Preventing Violent Extremism Toolkit	15	0	0
Social and Community Services			
Carers Grant (Adult)	1,669	1,795	1,922
Mental Capacity Advocacy Service	223	283	273
Mental Health Grant	1,171	1,233	1,296
Preserved Rights	2,893	2,794	2,693
Learning Disability Development Fund	367	367	368
Local Involvement Networks	222	223	223
Supporting People - Administration	406	374	320
Supporting People	0	0	16,167
Environment & Economy			
Detrunking of Non-Core Routes	1,662	1,703	1,746
Road Safety Partnerships	1,334	1,190	1,146
Rural Bus Services Grant	1,592	1,634	1,676
School Travel Advisors Grant	92	92	92
Community Safety			
Stronger Safer Communities Fund	652	652	652
Shared Services			
Children's Social Care Workforce	137	138	138
Adults Social Care Workforce	1,268	1,312	1,356
Oxfordshire County Council Total - £000s	26,004	26,950	42,572

District Councils		2008-09 £000s	2009-10 £000s	2010-11 £000s
Oxford City Council	Preventing Violent Extremism	105	110	116
	Youth Taskforce	75	75	75
	Climate Change (Planning Policy Statement)	22	22	22
Cherwell District Council	Cohesion	26	48	75
	Climate Change (Planning Policy Statement)	22	22	22
South Oxfordshire District Council	Climate Change (Planning Policy Statement)	22	22	22
Vale of White Horse District Council	Climate Change (Planning Policy Statement)	22	22	22
West Oxfordshire District Council	Climate Change (Planning Policy Statement)	22	22	22

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NOTES of a meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 starting at 2.00 pm and finishing at 3.40 pm record the following decision:

Item 6

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It was agreed that:

- The County Council should passport ABG to services in financial years 2009-2010, and 2010-2011. However, spending plans would be discussed with partnerships and published in each financial year to ensure transparency, opportunity for challenge and to seek opportunities to join up resources most effectively.
- Inform GOSE of any ABG funding streams where government departments were still expecting the funding to be ring-fenced against its original purpose and reported on.
- Support further partnership governance work to develop an annual process for ensuring that all targets adopted for the Oxfordshire 2030 Delivery Plan (including LAA and local targets) were fully resourced and report back to the June meeting.