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Revised provisional funding allocation
2000-01 -
Curriculum 2000

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Institutions' responses to provisional funding allocations for curriculum 2000

Institutions' provisional funding allocations for 2000-01 were issued on 29 February 2000. In his letter to colleges and higher education institutions, David Melville emphasised that the allocations for implementing curriculum 2000 were based on broad assumptions and that early discussions with regional offices were necessary to determine realistic allocations.

The Council wishes to provide early confirmation of curriculum 2000 allocations to those institutions that put forward robust cases to their regional offices. As far as possible, the Council will respond to requests for increases before the deadline for the receipt of responses to the full provisional allocation for each institution (5 May 2000).

The first institution to receive confirmation of an increased allocation for curriculum 2000 was Solihull Sixth Form College on 17 March 2000. A copy of the letter from the Council to the principal of the college is attached.

Institutions that want an increase in their curriculum 2000 provisional allocation are asked to contact their regional office as soon as possible. A response form will be sent to institutions on request to help them provide the relevant information to the Council. A 'ready reckoner', based on the Council's revised tariff, will be provided, together with the response form, to enable unit values to be assigned to institutions' requested increases. This ready reckoner is also attached.

In response to requests from institutions, the Council will confirm requests for additional 16-18 growth in revised curriculum 2000 allocations in the following cases:

- where institutions are seeking additional 16-18 growth so that their first year cohort is September 2000 matches the student number level associated with their 1999-2000 first year cohort
- exceptional cases for additional growth, such as where the closure of a school sixth form will lead to sufficiency and adequacy issues if students are not admitted to the college
- where the extension of EMA pilots is expected to lead to additional 16-18 growth

However, beyond this level of growth, the Council would ask institutions to indicate what further growth might be required. Confirmation will be provided when the Council has been able to review all institutions' requests for additional growth and offers to return growth units, following the response deadline of 5 May 2000.

For information, a copy of the letter from the Council to the principal of Hills Road Sixth Form College confirming additional growth for 16-18 full-time students is attached.

From the Director of Funding and Strategy

Geoff Hall

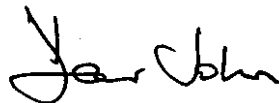
17 March 2000

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Revised Provisional Funding Allocation 2000-01 – Curriculum 2000

I am writing, on behalf of David Melville, to provide early confirmation of your revised provisional funding allocation in respect of curriculum 2000.

Thank you for arranging a meeting so speedily with West Midlands regional office staff to discuss your college's provisional allocation from the Council of 29 February 2000.

Your supporting case, based on the college's:

- prospectus
- teaching and learning policy document on curriculum 2000
- analysis of additional units required to implement curriculum 2000

was clear and convincing, and assisted Celia Cohen and her colleagues to appreciate your funding needs for 2000-01.

I can now confirm that the Council accepts the case put forward by the college, in particular:

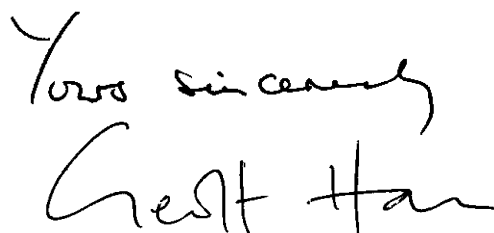
- that you are intending that all of your first year intake will undertake your new curriculum 2000 programmes from September 2000
- the range of broadened programmes that you intend students to follow and the assumptions about numbers pursuing the various programmes
- that the units per full-time 16-18 year-old student will increase substantially in 2000-01 from the 1999-2000 ratio.

Your case was underpinned by the assurance you gave that teaching hours will increase as a result of the implementation of curriculum 2000 programmes. I know that class sizes at the college are currently above average and that there is a need to accommodate and resource additional classes.

You will appreciate that the regional office needs to confirm precise unit figures with you in a format which is helpful to the Council, using the 'ready reckoner' which has been devised. It will be very helpful to receive your feedback on how helpful these are in enabling you to put your case to us. I can, however, signal at this stage that the increase in units will be in the region of 30,000 units.

I understand that West Midlands regional office staff will be in contact with you today to provide you with the ready reckoner and a response form and that Celia Cohen intends to finalise matters with you on Monday 20 March.

I hope this is helpful.



7 April 2000

Colin Greenhalgh
Principal
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Dear Colin

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I am writing, on behalf of David Melville, to provide early confirmation of your revised provisional funding allocation in respect of curriculum 2000.

Thank you for arranging a meeting so speedily with Eastern regional office staff to discuss your college's provisional allocation from the Council of 29 February 2000.

Your supporting case, based on the college's:

- prospectus
- curriculum 2000 strategy plan
- evidence of an increased level of applications for September 2000
- analysis of additional units required to implement curriculum 2000

was clear and convincing, and assisted regional office colleagues to appreciate your funding needs for 2000-01.

I can now confirm that the Council accepts the case put forward by the college, in particular:

- that you are intending that all of your first year intake will undertake your new curriculum 2000 programmes from September 2000
- the range of broadened programmes that you intend students to follow and the assumptions about numbers pursuing the various programmes
- that the units per full-time 16-18 year-old student will increase substantially in 2000-01 from the 1999-2000 ratio.

Thank you for sending a copy of 'annex A'. I enclose a signed copy for your records.

With respect to requests for additional 16-18 growth, I am authorised by the Council at this early stage to confirm requests in the following circumstances:

- where institutions are seeking additional 16-18 growth so that their first year cohort in September 2000 matches the student number level associated with their 1999-2000 first year cohort
- exceptional cases for additional growth, such as where the closure of a school sixth form will lead to sufficiency and adequacy issues if students are not admitted to the college
- where the extension of education maintenance allowance pilots is expected to lead to additional 16-18 growth.

I am, therefore, able at this stage to confirm 5,400 units for additional 16-18 growth. Should you wish to request additional 16-18 growth beyond this level, I would ask that you highlight this in your response to the full provisional allocation, due by 5 May 2000.

I can confirm that the additional funding available for curriculum 2000 will be 40,000 units. The 2% tolerance will not apply to this additional allocation.

I should add that the Council will wish to monitor actual enrolments in the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Curt

Ready Reckoner

Changes in units for students where key skills and enrichment are the only additional elements

Programme	Is one of the A levels General Studies?	Change in units in 2000-01		
		CWF A quals	CWF B quals	CWF C quals
2 A levels	no	+22.9	+21.3	n/a
3 A levels	yes	-1.3	-2.9	n/a
3 A levels	no	+16.9	+14.5	n/a
4 A levels	yes	+24.9	+22.5	n/a
4 A levels	no	+43.1	+43.6	n/a
5 A levels	yes	+51.0	+51.6	n/a
BTEC National Diploma		+16.9	+14.5	+10.9
GNVQ advanced		+16.9	+14.5	+10.9
GNVQ intermediate		+18.2	+15.8	+12.2
GNVQ foundation		+18.2	+15.8	+12.2

Additional units for broadening of curriculum

Additional qualifications	Change in units in 2000-01			
	CWF A quals	CWF B quals	CWF C quals	
1 AS level *	+36.5	+41.3	n/a	*assumes delivered in one year
1 AS level and 1 A2	+36.5	+41.3	n/a	
2 AS level and 2 A2s	+72.9	+82.5	n/a	

- Notes:
- 1 All units are annual rates for a student who completes the programme and achieves all qualifications.
 - 2 Colleges should add in appropriate assumptions about their retention and achievement rates

Assumptions: 1 No change to CWF calculations (ie simplification proposal not implemented)

2 24 BOPU allocated for A level General Studies

3 The figures do not include any units which might be lost for qualifications replaced by key skills. Colleges should make allowance for this in their calculations - if for example RSA CLAIT was replaced by key skills, this would result in a reduction of 13.2 units per student (assuming CLAIT had been delivered in one year) for a student on a programme of an Advanced GNVQ, BTEC National Diploma or 3 A levels