

**EDUCATION TRANSPORT & AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE  
15 MARCH 1999**

Present: Councillor Barnard (Chairman), Mrs Doyle,  
Fawcett, Good, Mrs Hayes, Ward and  
Wheaton

13. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Sub Committee held on 16 December 1999 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. **Minutes of Sub Panels**

The minutes of the meeting of the Education Student Awards Panel held on 18 January 1999 were received.

15. **Discretionary Awards Policy**

The Director of Education introduced a Discretionary Awards Policy which would enable discretionary payments to be made to certain students attending certain courses from 1 September 1999. It was noted that there was an ongoing commitment to support students who commenced courses before 1 September 1999 until they completed their courses.

**RECOMMENDED** that

- (i) Regulation 3 of the Local Education Authority (Post Compulsory Education Awards) Regulations 1999 shall, for the financial year 1999/2000 apply to the Council, but only in respect of those persons falling within the criteria set out in paragraph 5.1 of the Discretionary Awards Policy annexed to the report and
- (ii) the policy for discretionary awards as detailed in the Annex to the report be agreed.

16. **Access Fund for Post 16 Students in Schools**

The Director of Education introduced a paper describing the Access Fund for Post 16 Students in Schools which was a new Standards Fund Grant and part of the Government's new arrangements for support for post 16 Further Education Students and Pupils in schools. Bracknell Forest had been allocated a grant of £5,933 for 1999/2000

The LEA is required to determine its own criteria and procedures for considering applications, making payments to eligible pupils and establishing a process for the resolution of appeals and disputes and details of the scheme were annexed to the report.

The Sub Committee considered the proposed scheme and, in view of the limited funding available for 1999/2000, agreed that it be amended and that the amount to

be disregarded in respect of each dependent child other than the applicant be £1,000. The Eligibility Criteria should also be amended and that the preamble under "Types of Assistance" should read "Examples of activities for which assistance may be given in part only are" and that the scheme should apply only to the first three categories.

**RECOMMENDED** that the policy in respect of assistance from the Access Fund for Post 16 Students in Schools as outlined in the appendix to the report but amended as described above be adopted.

17. **Home to School Transport Policy**

The Director of Education advised the Sub Committee that the LEA was required to publish a policy outlining the circumstances in which it provides assistance for pupils to travel to school. A policy meeting all legislative requirements placed on the LEA and was appropriate to the needs of Bracknell Forest was described in Appendix 1 to the report and the particular requirements of pupils attending special schools and resources were addressed in Appendix 2.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Home to School Transport Policy, as detailed in the Appendices to the report, be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 9.00am and concluded at 9.35am.