Appendix A
as referred to in Minute 469

EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE SUB COMMITTEE
14 JANUARY 1998

Present: Councillor Ward (Chairman), Councillors Barnard, Mrs Doyle, Harrison,
Mrs Hirst, Mrs Shillcock and Wheaton

An Apology for Absence was received from:
Councillor Taylor

Also Present: Councillor Mrs Sutcliffe

12. **The Standards Fund**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Education detailing the outcome of the Council's bid for Standards Fund approved at the meeting of the Education Transition Committee held on 11 December 1997. A revised allocation had been received from the DfEE, which was tabled at the meeting. Items 12 and 13A had been amended and the total grant allocation was now £760,634. The Director of Education reminded the Sub Committee that most of the grants were 50% and that a figure of £470,000 had been placed in the draft budget for matching. With additional funds from the National Grid for Learning, it seemed that the Borough Council was in a position to take up all of the DfEE allocation.

It was noted that the unsuccessful bids, for improving attendance and work related learning were both outside of the needs criteria set by the Department. The DfEE had mentioned the quality of the Borough Council's bids in its response.

RECOMMENDED that the revised grant allocation submitted to the Sub Committee be approved, subject to sufficient funds being available in the budget and that the devolvement of funds to schools be based on the 1997/98 Berkshire County Council system.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.05pm.

CHAIRMAN