

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOL STAFF

**BACKGROUND**

All schools have a budget through the devolved school management scheme (DSM). Full guidance is available to support school leaders in the financial management for their establishment (<http://sr3county2k304/staffnet/Services/Finance/DSM/DSM%20scheme.pdf>). The role of the Head Teacher as defined in national Conditions of Service is, within the resources available, to conduct the affairs of the school to the benefit of the pupils and the community it serves, through pursuing objectives and implementing policies set by the Education Authority. Scottish Government guidance recommends the devolving to headteachers responsibility for a minimum of 80% the Authority's School Education Budget. The Angus scheme devolves approximately 90% of available budget to headteachers.

**OUTCOME**

There is a recognition in Angus that there are advantages to schools in having a measure of delegation, in being able to take decisions on certain matters quickly and on their own responsibility while remaining accountable to the Council and in having some control over their own budget. However in order to manage budgets effectively, it is also recognised that a degree of training and support is required. As well as ongoing support provided from finance colleagues, two specific training events have been arranged for School Senior Management Teams and school administrative support. This compulsory training will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 in Angus House. The training will be provided by colleagues from the finance team and include all aspects of school financial management including the school fund.

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