

SUPPLEMENTARY CREDIT APPROVAL

When contacted, the DETR made the following points:

- a submission would be called an 'unsolicited application', for which support is rarely given but occasionally successful [LGA say 3 times since the new capital regime came into being];
- DETR do not have funds and would copy in DCMS [Department Culture, Media and Sport], for it would come from their programme; however the application would be to the Minister H Armstrong, copy to DETR officials;
- the application would have to show the impact on the local community/services [what we've changed/reduced], the level of Council Tax [acknowledging 'capping'] and other sources of funding, such as assets that could be realised;
- Credit approvals can be given up to 6 months after the end of the financial year. So we don't have to have it in by March.

The Undue Burden Grant [UBG] application, and the 2000-01 budget resolution and analysis of it – for example the shortfall of spend compared to the Education SSA - would form part of an application. Key external decision points are EP [UBG, the £1m loan and further Theatre funding], the Arts Council and the Minister for Local Government [UBG, Theatre SCA, RSG, capping]; internally, the capital income generation target and achievement of it is important.