

Computers for Pupils (CfP) Broadband Connectivity

- Case Study -

In March 2005 the Chancellor announced £50 million (£25 million per annum in 2006-07 and 2007-08) to put ICT into the homes of the most disadvantaged pupils. A further £10 million (£5 million per annum in 2006-07 and 2007-08) of revenue funding was announced in the March 2006 Budget specifically to ensure that pupils targeted by this initiative have safe Internet access.

This funding is targeted at Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils resident in the 10% most deprived areas in England based on a formula outlined at Annex 1. The funding will be made available to LAs and schools as part of Standards Fund Grants 125 (revenue, connectivity) and 210 (capital, equipment) from September 2006.

This initiative places the emphasis on personal access to ICT at home. Research shows that pupils' use of ICT, including in the home:

- raises standards
- supports personalisation
- improves their ICT skills
- provides more options for what they learn and how they learn it
- supports homework and revision
- increases motivation

In February 2007 Adit issued a Statement of Service Requirements to the then Adit framework suppliers for broadband connectivity on the behalf of the London Grid for Learning Trust (LGfL) and 33 London Authorities (LA's) who qualified for DCSF funding.

The benefits of economies of scale and the aggregation of shared service produced a competitive environment and as a result of the procurement process Adit entered into a contract with RM for ADSL and 3G broadband connectivity. To date orders have been placed on the behalf of the LA's in excess of £2M for broadband primarily 3G connectivity.

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