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Date: 31 March 2023

Dear Colleague,

**Re: S31 Revenue Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult
Education Budget for Financial Year 2023-24: No. 31/6634 (DfE Grant
Reference: AEBDEVO-23-24)**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
North of Tyne Combined Authority
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
Tees Valley Combined Authority
West Midlands Combined Authority
West Yorkshire Combined Authority
West of England Mayoral Combined Authority**

This letter confirms the amount of devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) you will receive in the financial year (FY) 2023-24 (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024) to deliver relevant adult education functions in your devolved area.

Payment arrangements

Your total devolved AEB for FY 2023-24 is set out in the table in Annex A and will be paid by mid-April 2023.

We are providing this grant as a Section 31 (S31) non-ring-fenced transfer under the Local Government Act 2003 and have copied this grant letter to the Chief Finance Officer of your Combined Authority for information.

Assurance arrangements

Your Combined Authority must have regard to the English Devolution Accountability Framework¹ and the National Local Growth Assurance Framework², including Adult Education Budget guidelines. The current version of the framework was published in September 2021 by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and clarifies what assurances should be in place when administering adult education functions.

In addition, the Department for Education also has an associated Memorandum of Understanding in place with your Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions.

Enquiries

Please contact adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk for further information.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Bo Emecheta
Deputy Director
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Labour Market Skills and Funding Directorate

¹ [English Devolution Accountability Framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-local-growth-assurance-framework>

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The Secretary of State for Education (“the Secretary of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

- 1) This determination may be cited as Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Determination for financial year 2023-24 [31/6634].

Purpose of the grant

- 2) The purpose of the grant is for provision of relevant adult education functions and towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred through the associated Adult Education Budget.

Determination

- 3) The Secretary of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

- 4) Before making this determination in relation to the Mayoral Combined Authorities specified in Annex A, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Bo Emecheta
Deputy Director
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31/03/2023

Devolved AEB Payments to Specified Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority

Combined Authority	AY 2022/23		AY 2023/24		
	FY 2023-24 Payment			FY 2024-25 Payment ¹	AY 2023-24 Payment
	Apr to Jul ²	Aug to Mar ²	Total ²	Apr to Jul ²	Total ²
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£4,006,217	£8,070,706	£12,076,924	£4,057,752	£12,128,459
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London)³	£106,451,461	£214,451,296	£320,902,758	£107,820,830	£322,272,127
Greater Manchester	£32,227,132	£64,923,019	£97,150,150	£32,641,695	£97,564,713
Liverpool City Region	£17,846,539	£35,952,662	£53,799,200	£18,076,113	£54,028,775
North of Tyne	£7,889,132	£15,893,014	£23,782,146	£7,990,616	£23,883,631
South Yorkshire	£13,413,621	£27,022,348	£40,435,970	£13,586,171	£40,608,520
Tees Valley	£10,226,519	£20,601,787	£30,828,306	£10,358,071	£30,959,858
West Midlands	£44,108,722	£88,859,020	£132,967,742	£44,676,127	£133,535,148
West Yorkshire	£22,216,073	£44,755,287	£66,971,361	£22,501,856	£67,257,144
West of England	£5,124,419	£10,323,374	£15,447,793	£5,190,338	£15,513,713
Devolved Total	£263,509,836	£530,852,515	£794,362,351	£266,899,571	£797,752,086

Notes:

1. This is not the overall total for FY 2024-25, which will include an amount from the academic year (AY) 2024/25. This will be confirmed in January 2024 and will be issued under a separate S31 Grant Determination Letter.
2. All amounts include additional funding awarded at Budget 2023, to support the delivery of Sector Based Work Academy growth. This has been allocated according to the existing AEB formula, resulting in an extra £3.36m for devolved areas in FY 23-24.
3. The Mayor of London's grant allocation will be transferred to the Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) under separate arrangements in accordance with Section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It is being referenced here for completeness.