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Date: 13 March 2023

Dear Colleague,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education
Budget for Financial Year 2022-23 – Additional Funding: No. 31/6544 (DfE
Grant Reference: AEBDEVO-22-23)**

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 additional amount of devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) you will receive in the financial year (FY) 2022-23 for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 to deliver relevant adult education functions in your devolved area.

Payment arrangements

Your additional devolved AEB for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 is set

out in the table in Annex A and will be paid by mid-March 2023.

We are making this additional payment because we are changing the basis on which we calculate your budget across academic and financial years as follows:

	Current	New – with effect from 1 August 2022	Difference
1 August 2022 – 31 March 2023	62.35%	66.67%	+4.02%
1 April – 31 July 2023	37.35%	33.33%	-4.02%

This additional payment brings forward 4.02% of the payment due to you in respect of the period 1 April to 31 July 2023 from the 2023-24 FY to the 2022-23 FY (see letter of [31/6040](#)). The amount due to be paid to you in April 2023 in respect of the period 1 April to 31 July 2023, as notified in March 2022, will be reduced by a corresponding 4.02%. The amount you shall receive for the 2022/23 academic year remains unchanged overall.

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 National Local Growth Assurance Framework¹, 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

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-local-growth-assurance-framework>

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget for Financial Year 2022-23: No. 31/6544 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO-22-23)

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 2022-23 [31/6544].

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
Further Education Funding
Labour Market Skills and Funding Directorate

13/03/2023

ANNEX A

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

Revised payment table showing additional payment

Combined Authority	AY 2021/22	AY 2022/23					FY 2023-24 Payment ¹	AY 2022-23 Payment
	FY 2022-23 Payment					Revised Apr to Jul		Total
	Apr to Jul	Original Aug to Mar allocation	Additional payment for Aug to Mar	Revised Aug to Mar allocation	Revised total Apr to Mar			
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£4,464,769	£7,508,471	£480,063	£7,988,534	£12,453,303	£3,989,188	£11,977,722	
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London)²	£118,635,903	£199,511,817	£12,756,027	£212,267,843	£330,903,747	£105,998,966	£318,266,810	
Greater Manchester	£35,915,852	£60,400,238	£3,861,761	£64,262,000	£100,177,851	£32,090,143	£96,352,143	
Liverpool City Region	£19,889,255	£33,448,065	£2,138,542	£35,586,607	£55,475,862	£17,770,678	£53,357,285	
North of Tyne	£8,792,123	£14,785,847	£945,351	£15,731,198	£24,523,321	£7,855,598	£23,586,796	
South Yorkshire	£14,667,700	£25,139,871	£1,607,348	£26,747,218	£41,414,918	£13,356,604	£40,103,822	
Tees Valley	£11,397,048	£19,166,589	£1,225,439	£20,392,028	£31,789,076	£10,183,049	£30,575,078	
West Midlands	£49,157,409	£82,668,769	£5,285,527	£87,954,295	£137,111,704	£43,921,228	£131,875,523	
West Yorkshire	£24,302,883	£41,637,467	£2,662,141	£44,299,608	£68,602,491	£22,121,639	£66,421,247	
West of England	£5,710,960	£9,604,210	£614,057	£10,218,266	£15,929,227	£5,102,637	£15,320,903	
Devolved Total	£292,933,902	£493,871,342	£31,576,255	£525,447,597	£818,381,499	£262,389,731	£787,837,328	

Notes:

1. This is not the overall total for FY 2023-24, which will include an amount from the academic year (AY) 2023/24. This was confirmed in February 2023 and will be issued under a separate S31 Grant Determination Letter.
2. 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.

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

Original payment table, as per letter 31/6040 published in March 2022

Combined Authority	AY 2021/22	AY 2022/23			
	FY 2022-23 Payment			FY 2023-24 Payment ¹	AY 2022-23 Payment
	Apr to Jul	Aug to Mar	Total	Apr to Jul	Total
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£4,464,769	£7,508,471	£11,973,240	£4,469,251	£11,977,722
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London)²	£118,635,903	£199,511,817	£318,147,720	£118,754,993	£318,266,810
Greater Manchester	£35,915,852	£60,400,238	£96,316,090	£35,951,905	£96,352,143
Liverpool City Region	£19,889,255	£33,448,065	£53,337,320	£19,909,220	£53,357,285
North of Tyne	£8,792,123	£14,785,847	£23,577,970	£8,800,948	£23,586,796
South Yorkshire	£14,667,700	£25,139,871	£39,807,570	£14,963,952	£40,103,822
Tees Valley	£11,397,048	£19,166,589	£30,563,637	£11,408,488	£30,575,078
West Midlands	£49,157,409	£82,668,769	£131,826,178	£49,206,755	£131,875,523
West Yorkshire	£24,302,883	£41,637,467	£65,940,350	£24,783,780	£66,421,247
West of England	£5,710,960	£9,604,210	£15,315,170	£5,716,693	£15,320,903
Devolved Total	£292,933,902	£493,871,342	£786,805,245	£293,965,985	£787,837,328

Notes:

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