

## Housing Benefit Circular

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## **Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2016/17**

### **Introduction**

1. This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provision for the 2016/17 arrangements are being made by an Amendment Order to the *Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998*. This order is subject to consultation with the Local Authority Associations before being laid before Parliament.

### **Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in England**

2. The Department for Communities and Local Government wrote to local authorities (LAs) early in 2016 explaining the methodology used for the calculation of limit rents for 2016/17 and how the calculation is adjusted to reflect the rent reduction measures introduced in April 2016. These adjustments include reviewing the calculation of limit rents relating to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and supported housing stock where there are exceptions in place from the rent reduction measures. The 2016/17 limit rents in England are set out in Annex A.
3. For the 2016/17 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.752.

### **Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in Wales**

4. Following the Welsh LAs' exit from the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system in April 2015 the Welsh Government has been in discussions with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to review the subsidy limitation arrangements that were put in place during 2015/16. These discussions have now been finalised and the Welsh Government notified you of the arrangements earlier this month.
5. The specified amounts ('O') and guideline weekly rent increases ('P') which are to be entered on the Housing Benefit subsidy claim form for determining RRSL are set out in Annex B.
6. For the 2016/17 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.66.

### **Amendment to the Subsidy Order**

7. The Secretary of State for DWP will make an amending Subsidy Order, following a statutory consultation period, publishing limit rents for English LAs together with the specified amounts and guideline rent increases for Welsh LAs, to be used in both England and Wales to determine subsidy limitation deductions.

## Annex A

**Limit rents 2016/17 – England (adjusted for PFI and supported housing stock)**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Limit Rent</b>
Adur	£95.05
Arun	£92.39
Ashfield	£69.55
Ashford	£90.66
Babergh	£90.78
Barking	£99.58
Barnet	£109.13
Barnsley	£76.19
Barrow	£76.39
Basildon	£88.60
Bassetlaw	£73.68
Birmingham	£84.26
Blackpool	£72.86
Bolsover	£83.34
Bournemouth	£83.85
Brent	£118.16
Brentwood	£95.78
Brighton & Hove	£85.89
Bristol	£82.60
Broxtowe	£75.86
Bury	£78.07
Cambridge	£104.82
Camden	£123.43
Cannock Chase	£76.79
Canterbury	£89.85
Castle Point	£90.04
Central Bedfordshire	£103.86
Charnwood	£75.75
Cheltenham	£81.83
Cheshire West and Chester	£83.96
Chesterfield	£81.14
City of London	£110.18
City of York	£80.77
Colchester	£89.06
Corby	£80.28
Cornwall	£72.19
Crawley	£104.81
Croydon	£108.02
Dacorum	£110.54

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Limit Rent</b>
Darlington	£72.38
Dartford	£91.40
Derby	£80.21
Doncaster	£74.53
Dover	£85.81
Dudley	£84.30
Ealing	£103.37
East Devon	£82.96
East riding	£80.78
Eastbourne	£81.00
Enfield	£103.32
Epping Forest	£101.12
Exeter	£76.67
Fareham	£92.75
Gateshead	£77.99
Gosport	£85.62
Gravesham	£91.29
Great Yarmouth	£76.33
Greenwich	£105.03
Guildford	£112.82
Hackney	£102.47
Hammersmith	£118.12
Haringey	£108.28
Harlow	£94.17
Harrogate	£82.14
Harrow	£115.97
Havering	£98.34
High Peak	£74.50
Hillingdon	£110.60
Hinckley	£79.89
Hounslow	£104.74
Ipswich	£83.71
Islington	£122.15
Kensington	£130.53
Kettering	£82.99
Kingston upon Hull	£76.54
Kingston upon Thames	£114.74
Kirklees	£71.18
Lambeth	£110.21
Lancaster	£78.69
Leeds	£75.29
Leicester City	£73.33
Lewes	£91.07
Lewisham	£98.19

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Limit Rent</b>
Lincoln	£70.07
Luton	£88.37
Manchester	£74.57
Mansfield	£74.45
Medway Towns	£83.38
Melton	£78.68
Mid Devon	£80.00
Mid Suffolk	£83.78
Milton Keynes	£87.41
New Forest	£101.17
Newark	£79.75
Newcastle upon Tyne	£76.70
Newham	£98.69
NE Derbyshire	£82.85
North Kesteven	£77.98
North Tyneside	£77.97
North Warwick	£89.24
North West Leicestershire	£80.28
Northampton	£84.86
Northumberland	£69.69
Norwich	£80.87
Nottingham	£76.49
Nuneaton	£79.70
Oadby & Wigston	£80.80
Oldham	£74.74
Oxford City	£111.21
Poole	£86.87
Portsmouth	£86.51
Reading	£106.85
Redbridge	£104.99
Redditch	£80.03
Richmondshire	£79.03
Rotherham	£77.24
Rugby	£88.45
Runnymede	£111.95
Salford	£76.32
Sandwell	£83.01
Sedgemoor	£79.01
Selby	£79.70
Sheffield	£73.30
Shepway	£83.13
Shropshire	£82.94
Slough	£107.89
Solihull	£83.70

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Limit Rent</b>
South Cambridge	£109.20
South Derbyshire	£81.19
South Holland	£77.26
South Kesteven	£80.30
South Tyneside	£76.50
Southampton	£86.69
Southend-on-Sea	£87.66
Southwark	£110.06
St Albans	£115.38
Stevenage	£99.81
Stockport	£76.17
Stoke-on-Trent	£71.79
Stroud	£83.93
Sutton	£109.18
Swindon	£84.53
Tamworth	£81.85
Tandridge	£100.09
Taunton Deane	£83.97
Tendring	£84.96
Thanet	£82.46
Thurrock	£87.48
Tower Hamlets	£112.90
Uttlesford	£101.05
Waltham Forest	£104.13
Wandsworth	£127.45
Warwick	£95.80
Waveney	£79.52
Waverley	£115.80
Wealden	£85.62
Welwyn Hatfield	£108.07
West Lancashire	£77.91
Westminster	£126.30
Wigan	£78.52
Wiltshire	£89.50
Winchester	£103.21
Woking	£105.98
Wokingham	£117.89
Wolverhampton	£81.37

## Annex B

## Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2016/17 – Wales

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Specified Amount 'O'</b>	<b>Guideline Rent Increase 'P'</b>
Caerphilly	£78.91	£3.08
Cardiff	£89.18	£3.22
Carmarthenshire	£78.52	£3.07
Denbighshire	£76.29	£3.05
Flintshire	£79.35	£3.10
Isle of Anglesey	£75.15	£3.03
Pembrokeshire	£80.09	£2.97
Powys	£80.35	£3.09
Swansea	£77.24	£3.08
Vale of Glamorgan	£86.21	£3.19
Wrexham	£78.53	£3.08