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SUBJECT	Details of the government contribution towards DHP for local authorities (LAs) in 2014/15

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Details of the government contribution towards DHP for LAs in 2014/15

Introduction

- 1 This circular gives details of the government contribution and overall expenditure limit for DHP for LAs in the financial year 2014/15.

Background

- 2 In the 2013 Autumn Statement, the government announced that there would be an additional £40 million available for DHP in 2014/15, thus making the total amount of the government contribution £165 million. The higher level of funding provided is intended to allow LAs to offer ongoing support to people affected by changes to HB.
- 3 The government also announced that the funding targeted at people affected by the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (RSRS) would be maintained in 2015/16. This is to give LAs the confidence to make long term awards where they are appropriate.

Distribution of the government contribution and upper limit for 2014/15

- 4 DHP funding is currently allocated in four different strands, reflecting the expected impacts of our welfare reforms. The paragraphs below outline the methodology used for the distribution to individual LAs, which has been agreed with representatives from the Local Authority Associations (LAAs).
- 5 **Original baseline before Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms - £20 million:** This funding allows LAs to help people with non-welfare reform related matters, such as issues with non-dependents and helping people transition into work. We agreed with the LAAs to use the same methodology as in previous years i.e. the mid point between actual expenditure and the allocation. It was agreed to roll forward the allocation from 2013/14.
- 6 **LHA reforms - £40 million:** This funding is allocated on the basis of the aggregate losses from the LHA changes in each LA as used in the 2013/14 allocation, but with caseload figures updated to take into account changes between February 2011 and August 2013.
- 7 **RSRS - £60 million:** This funding has been split into two parts.
- 8 £55 million of this funding has been allocated based upon aggregate RSRS losses in each LA area, calculated from the August 2013 Single Housing Benefit

Extract (SHBE) data on the number of claimants with a deduction and the average weekly deduction.

- 9 The remaining £5 million has been distributed amongst the 21 most sparsely populated LAs, based upon aggregate RSRS losses.
- 10 **Benefit Cap - £45 million:** The methodology for this element is comprised of two parts using November 2013 SHBE Management Information (MI). The first part recognises that an element of this funding should be allocated to LAs with a low number of cases, or no cases, as they may have new capped cases at some point in the year, and what cases they do have may take longer to make a behavioural change; and the second part includes allocating funding to LAs according to the proportion of the total Annual Managed Expenditure savings in the November 2013 SHBE MI. This method allows DHP allocations to be weighted toward LAs with households that face greater losses.
- 11 Although the methodology applies different approaches to the funding of each policy area, the Department for Work and Pensions recognises that it is for LAs to apply discretion as to which claimants will receive payments. For this reason Appendix A only shows the overall total funding allocated to each LA for 2014/15, and the overall upper spending limit.

Queries

- 12 Any queries about the allocation of the government contribution should be sent, via email, to hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.

Allocation of the £165 million fund for DHP 2014/15

LA	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Aberdeen	£308,438	£771,095
Aberdeenshire	£480,948	£1,202,370
Adur	£78,755	£196,888
Allerdale	£191,397	£478,493
Amber Valley	£176,827	£442,068
Angus	£357,857	£894,643
Argyll and Bute	£409,580	£1,023,950
Arun	£254,232	£635,580
Ashfield	£254,458	£636,145
Ashford	£203,686	£509,215
Aylesbury Vale	£196,488	£491,220
Babergh	£108,998	£272,495
Barking & Dagenham	£1,182,437	£2,956,093
Barnet	£2,013,425	£5,033,563
Barnsley	£489,540	£1,223,850
Barrow in Furness	£92,744	£231,860
Basildon	£467,569	£1,168,923
Basingstoke and Deane	£275,807	£689,518
Bassetlaw	£166,481	£416,203
Bath & North East Somerset	£251,406	£628,515
Bedford	£344,274	£860,685
Bexley	£599,363	£1,498,408
Birmingham	£4,146,726	£10,366,815
Blaby	£63,756	£159,390
Blackburn with Darwen	£365,390	£913,475
Blackpool	£580,575	£1,451,438
Blaenau Gwent	£199,387	£498,468
Bolsover	£134,031	£335,078
Bolton	£680,621	£1,701,553
Boston	£96,146	£240,365
Bournemouth	£485,985	£1,214,963
Bracknell Forest	£163,708	£409,270
Bradford	£1,173,195	£2,932,988
Braintree	£204,936	£512,340
Breckland	£238,631	£596,578
Brent	£4,260,825	£10,652,063
Brentwood	£87,617	£219,043
Bridgend	£310,253	£775,633
Brighton and Hove	£1,010,456	£2,526,140
Bristol	£1,182,991	£2,957,478
Broadland	£90,080	£225,200
Bromley	£683,179	£1,707,948
Bromsgrove	£72,880	£182,200
Broxbourne	£206,320	£515,800

LA	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Broxtowe	£116,721	£291,803
Burnley	£177,101	£442,753
Bury	£323,579	£808,948
Caerphilly	£382,715	£956,788
Calderdale	£369,544	£923,860
Cambridge	£182,516	£456,290
Camden	£1,310,624	£3,276,560
Cannock Chase	£101,520	£253,800
Canterbury	£220,973	£552,433
Cardiff	£1,175,868	£2,939,670
Carlisle	£165,527	£413,818
Carmarthenshire	£346,717	£866,793
Castle Point	£133,566	£333,915
Central Bedfordshire	£288,193	£720,483
Ceredigion	£287,605	£719,013
Charnwood	£152,421	£381,053
Chelmsford	£206,564	£516,410
Cheltenham	£189,651	£474,128
Cherwell	£252,398	£630,995
Cheshire East	£488,079	£1,220,198
Cheshire West and Chester	£530,641	£1,326,603
Chesterfield	£196,093	£490,233
Chichester	£251,262	£628,155
Chiltern	£102,622	£256,555
Chorley	£132,369	£330,923
Christchurch	£86,794	£216,985
City of London	£25,216	£63,040
Clackmannanshire	£176,383	£440,958
Colchester	£423,918	£1,059,795
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£109,743	£274,358
Conwy	£217,097	£542,743
Copeland	£171,911	£429,778
Corby	£134,854	£337,135
Cornwall	£884,013	£2,210,033
Cotswold	£94,234	£235,585
Coventry	£811,865	£2,029,663
Craven	£144,792	£361,980
Crawley	£286,602	£716,505
Croydon	£1,714,777	£4,286,943
Dacorum	£304,218	£760,545
Darlington	£209,823	£524,558
Dartford	£146,988	£367,470
Daventry	£83,421	£208,553
Denbighshire	£202,519	£506,298
Derby	£652,164	£1,630,410
Derbyshire Dales	£65,453	£163,633
Doncaster	£663,522	£1,658,805
Dover	£215,835	£539,588
Dudley	£655,800	£1,639,500

LA	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Dumfries and Galloway	£732,662	£1,831,655
Dundee	£484,174	£1,210,435
Durham	£1,096,133	£2,740,333
Ealing	£3,028,200	£7,570,500
East Ayrshire	£322,608	£806,520
East Cambridgeshire	£110,444	£276,110
East Devon	£170,366	£425,915
East Dorset	£93,759	£234,398
East Dunbartonshire	£102,435	£256,088
East Hampshire	£103,313	£258,283
East Hertfordshire	£156,347	£390,868
East Lindsey	£221,505	£553,763
East Lothian	£122,558	£306,395
East Northamptonshire	£99,565	£248,913
East Renfrewshire	£67,736	£169,340
East Riding of Yorkshire	£364,197	£910,493
East Staffordshire	£152,422	£381,055
Eastbourne	£248,052	£620,130
Eastleigh	£151,980	£379,950
Eden	£170,805	£427,013
Edinburgh	£1,533,120	£3,832,800
Elmbridge	£276,673	£691,683
Enfield	£2,718,948	£6,797,370
Epping Forest	£181,853	£454,633
Epsom and Ewell	£117,408	£293,520
Erewash	£200,742	£501,855
Exeter	£202,716	£506,790
Falkirk	£258,058	£645,145
Fareham	£73,542	£183,855
Fenland	£130,639	£326,598
Fife	£693,077	£1,732,693
Flintshire	£276,166	£690,415
Forest Heath	£97,752	£244,380
Forest of Dean	£112,585	£281,463
Fylde	£82,591	£206,478
Gateshead	£438,929	£1,097,323
Gedling	£121,667	£304,168
Glasgow	£2,724,843	£6,812,108
Gloucester	£252,658	£631,645
Gosport	£133,681	£334,203
Gravesham	£222,398	£555,995
Great Yarmouth	£234,943	£587,358
Greenwich	£1,212,140	£3,030,350
Guildford	£186,454	£466,135
Gwynedd	£733,297	£1,833,243
Hackney	£2,110,605	£5,276,513
Halton	£386,553	£966,383
Hambleton	£83,451	£208,628
Hammersmith and Fulham	£1,627,715	£4,069,288

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Harborough	£52,436	£131,090
Haringey	£2,465,556	£6,163,890
Harlow	£201,023	£502,558
Harrogate	£152,607	£381,518
Harrow	£1,138,954	£2,847,385
Hart	£66,063	£165,158
Hartlepool	£346,497	£866,243
Hastings	£327,607	£819,018
Havant	£186,767	£466,918
Havering	£603,806	£1,509,515
Herefordshire	£245,440	£613,600
Hertsmere	£205,490	£513,725
High Peak	£103,546	£258,865
Highland	£1,178,903	£2,947,258
Hillingdon	£978,566	£2,446,415
Hinckley and Bosworth	£93,957	£234,893
Horsham	£117,099	£292,748
Hounslow	£981,867	£2,454,668
Huntingdonshire	£187,398	£468,495
Hyndburn	£162,081	£405,203
Inverclyde	£210,794	£526,985
Ipswich	£319,340	£798,350
Isle of Anglesey	£156,027	£390,068
Isle of Wight	£217,690	£544,225
Isles of Scilly	£3,810	£9,525
Islington	£1,342,269	£3,355,673
Kensington and Chelsea	£1,792,238	£4,480,595
Kettering	£138,353	£345,883
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£234,007	£585,018
Kingston upon Hull	£801,312	£2,003,280
Kingston upon Thames	£429,061	£1,072,653
Kirklees	£813,758	£2,034,395
Knowsley	£660,866	£1,652,165
Lambeth	£1,697,994	£4,244,985
Lancaster	£200,610	£501,525
Leeds	£2,053,229	£5,133,073
Leicester	£828,553	£2,071,383
Lewes	£156,513	£391,283
Lewisham	£1,667,714	£4,169,285
Lichfield	£101,426	£253,565
Lincoln	£194,308	£485,770
Liverpool	£2,056,430	£5,141,075
Luton	£495,559	£1,238,898
Maidstone	£257,380	£643,450
Maldon	£74,690	£186,725
Malvern Hills	£97,271	£243,178
Manchester	£2,356,068	£5,890,170
Mansfield	£199,491	£498,728
Medway	£598,894	£1,497,235

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Melton	£34,997	£87,493
Mendip	£152,745	£381,863
Merthyr Tydfil	£147,339	£368,348
Merton	£645,538	£1,613,845
Mid Devon	£83,568	£208,920
Mid Suffolk	£78,731	£196,828
Mid Sussex	£111,707	£279,268
Middlesbrough	£595,749	£1,489,373
Midlothian	£183,798	£459,495
Milton Keynes	£570,211	£1,425,528
Mole Valley	£84,672	£211,680
Monmouthshire	£127,731	£319,328
Moray	£228,368	£570,920
Neath Port Talbot	£371,784	£929,460
New Forest	£201,779	£504,448
Newark and Sherwood	£139,440	£348,600
Newcastle under Lyme	£150,731	£376,828
Newcastle upon Tyne	£891,224	£2,228,060
Newham	£1,973,963	£4,934,908
Newport	£408,949	£1,022,373
North Ayrshire	£408,703	£1,021,758
North Devon	£124,324	£310,810
North Dorset	£71,469	£178,673
North East Derbyshire	£144,487	£361,218
North East Lincolnshire	£337,766	£844,415
North Hertfordshire	£204,808	£512,020
North Kesteven	£107,365	£268,413
North Lanarkshire	£692,677	£1,731,693
North Lincolnshire	£279,529	£698,823
North Norfolk	£130,876	£327,190
North Somerset	£394,300	£985,750
North Tyneside	£419,449	£1,048,623
North Warwickshire	£66,478	£166,195
North West Leicestershire	£106,669	£266,673
Northampton	£416,591	£1,041,478
Northumberland	£493,987	£1,234,968
Norwich	£411,093	£1,027,733
Nottingham	£965,532	£2,413,830
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£221,057	£552,643
Oadby and Wigston	£48,829	£122,073
Oldham	£500,082	£1,250,205
Orkney	£50,592	£126,480
Oxford	£514,496	£1,286,240
Pembrokeshire	£204,952	£512,380
Pendle	£131,966	£329,915
Perth and Kinross	£380,620	£951,550
Peterborough	£502,193	£1,255,483
Plymouth	£509,776	£1,274,440
Poole	£263,267	£658,168

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Portsmouth	£546,807	£1,367,018
Powys	£560,638	£1,401,595
Preston	£282,996	£707,490
Purbeck	£47,739	£119,348
Reading	£526,806	£1,317,015
Redbridge	£1,287,927	£3,219,818
Redcar and Cleveland	£374,842	£937,105
Redditch	£119,439	£298,598
Reigate and Banstead	£176,372	£440,930
Renfrewshire	£369,000	£922,500
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£541,416	£1,353,540
Ribble Valley	£32,583	£81,458
Richmond upon Thames	£345,614	£864,035
Richmondshire	£112,750	£281,875
Rochdale	£564,765	£1,411,913
Rochford	£84,980	£212,450
Rossendale	£90,533	£226,333
Rother	£163,975	£409,938
Rotherham	£563,670	£1,409,175
Rugby	£116,905	£292,263
Runnymede	£100,433	£251,083
Rushcliffe	£88,686	£221,715
Rushmoor	£151,305	£378,263
Rutland	£32,449	£81,123
Ryedale	£178,378	£445,945
Salford	£840,279	£2,100,698
Sandwell	£982,381	£2,455,953
Scarborough	£217,866	£544,665
Scottish Borders	£464,841	£1,162,103
Sedgemoor	£180,629	£451,573
Sefton	£712,009	£1,780,023
Selby	£88,562	£221,405
Sevenoaks	£157,422	£393,555
Sheffield	£1,040,816	£2,602,040
Shepway	£245,906	£614,765
Shetland	£71,267	£178,168
Shropshire	£383,819	£959,548
Slough	£672,479	£1,681,198
Solihull	£281,765	£704,413
South Ayrshire	£305,618	£764,045
South Bucks	£90,095	£225,238
South Cambridgeshire	£147,992	£369,980
South Derbyshire	£91,226	£228,065
South Gloucestershire	£341,605	£854,013
South Hams	£138,756	£346,890
South Holland	£107,749	£269,373
South Kesteven	£179,554	£448,885
South Lakeland	£97,389	£243,473
South Lanarkshire	£638,098	£1,595,245

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South Norfolk	£146,477	£366,193
South Northamptonshire	£63,178	£157,945
South Oxfordshire	£155,106	£387,765
South Ribble	£98,392	£245,980
South Somerset	£253,296	£633,240
South Staffordshire	£103,917	£259,793
South Tyneside	£414,442	£1,036,105
Southampton	£605,863	£1,514,658
Southend on Sea	£519,104	£1,297,760
Southwark	£1,223,174	£3,057,935
Spelthorne	£202,187	£505,468
St Albans	£155,069	£387,673
St Edmundsbury	£126,720	£316,800
St Helens	£531,860	£1,329,650
Stafford	£115,351	£288,378
Staffordshire Moorlands	£83,089	£207,723
Stevenage	£183,788	£459,470
Stirling	£420,609	£1,051,523
Stockport	£458,616	£1,146,540
Stockton on Tees	£446,762	£1,116,905
Stoke on Trent	£695,262	£1,738,155
Stratford on Avon	£234,222	£585,555
Stroud	£126,692	£316,730
Suffolk Coastal	£166,456	£416,140
Sunderland	£779,296	£1,948,240
Surrey Heath	£67,857	£169,643
Sutton	£457,089	£1,142,723
Swale	£346,325	£865,813
Swansea	£528,985	£1,322,463
Swindon	£319,890	£799,725
Tameside	£506,466	£1,266,165
Tamworth	£113,054	£282,635
Tandridge	£108,251	£270,628
Taunton Deane	£132,559	£331,398
Teignbridge	£156,762	£391,905
Telford and Wrekin	£465,023	£1,162,558
Tendring	£349,477	£873,693
Test Valley	£153,462	£383,655
Tewkesbury	£96,441	£241,103
Thanet	£413,270	£1,033,175
Three Rivers	£145,605	£364,013
Thurrock	£376,479	£941,198
Tonbridge and Malling	£165,494	£413,735
Torbay	£393,863	£984,658
Torfaen	£244,222	£610,555
Torridge	£87,490	£218,725
Tower Hamlets	£2,289,949	£5,724,873
Trafford	£418,222	£1,045,555
Tunbridge Wells	£158,904	£397,260

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Uttlesford	£94,624	£236,560
Vale of Glamorgan	£244,892	£612,230
Vale of White Horse	£154,610	£386,525
Wakefield	£894,091	£2,235,228
Walsall	£737,214	£1,843,035
Waltham Forest	£1,312,285	£3,280,713
Wandsworth	£1,667,192	£4,167,980
Warrington	£274,128	£685,320
Warwick	£185,219	£463,048
Watford	£208,470	£521,175
Waveney	£244,735	£611,838
Waverley	£143,703	£359,258
Wealden	£178,661	£446,653
Wellingborough	£131,716	£329,290
Welwyn Hatfield	£177,956	£444,890
West Berkshire	£252,860	£632,150
West Devon	£130,961	£327,403
West Dorset	£124,189	£310,473
West Dunbartonshire	£339,751	£849,378
West Lancashire	£174,368	£435,920
West Lindsey	£131,512	£328,780
West Lothian	£402,484	£1,006,210
West Oxfordshire	£126,249	£315,623
West Somerset	£173,291	£433,228
Westminster	£4,821,711	£12,054,278
Weymouth and Portland	£143,150	£357,875
Wigan	£660,313	£1,650,783
Wiltshire	£605,227	£1,513,068
Winchester	£101,456	£253,640
Windsor and Maidenhead	£237,668	£594,170
Wirral	£995,795	£2,489,488
Woking	£151,261	£378,153
Wokingham	£110,348	£275,870
Wolverhampton	£801,977	£2,004,943
Worcester	£186,122	£465,305
Worthing	£160,251	£400,628
Wrexham	£225,644	£564,110
Wychavon	£139,731	£349,328
Wycombe	£268,545	£671,363
Wyre	£178,487	£446,218
Wyre Forest	£160,106	£400,265
York	£231,900	£579,750
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