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Dear Chief Executive/Chief Fire Officer,

COUNCIL TAX FREEZE GRANT

My letter of 14 November 2011 set out the terms of the second council tax freeze scheme (reproduced for convenience in Annex A to this letter). We have today published the individual grant amounts that we expect to pay out to qualifying authorities, so that they have a brief time in which to satisfy themselves that our calculations are correct (see Annex B). The data is published at:

www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/xls/2111493.xls

Our understanding that an authority has qualified for grant is derived from the Council Tax Requirement (CTR form) which the authority returned to this department. Should any authority wish to query the proposed grant or require any further information please e-mail: counciltax.consultations@communities.gsi.gov.uk; or contact David Kelly at this address, or on telephone 0303 444 2099 by **28 March**.

The Department intends to make these grant payments to authorities under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, and expects to do so on **5 April 2012**. We will write again only should this date change or there is a need to change a proposed amount that we have published today.

This exercise is purely to determine the final grant payments and it will not result in changes to any authority's CTR data.

I am copying this letter to chief finance officers, the Chair of the LGA, the Chair of the APA, the President of the Chief Fire Officers' Association, the Chief Executive of CIPFA and the Chief Executive of IRRV.

Yours sincerely,



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Calculation of Grant

The grant will be available to every principal authority which did not increase its basic amount of council tax between 2011-12 and 2012-13. It has been calculated in line with the following principles:

- i) For police authorities, and single purpose fire & rescue authorities, 3.0% of their 2011-12 basic amount of council tax multiplied by their CTB for 2012-13 (rounded to the nearest pound).
- ii) For the Greater London Authority (GLA), this in two parts (the aggregate rounded to the nearest pound):
 - 2.75% increase in the amount calculated by the Authority under section 88(2) of the GLA Act for 2011-12 multiplied by the tax base for the whole of the GLA's area for 2012-13; *plus*
 - 3.0% of the amount calculated under section 89(4) of the GLA Act 1999 for 2011-12 multiplied by the CTB for the metropolitan police district for 2012-13.
- iii) For the City of London, 2.75% of its 2011-12 basic amount of council tax multiplied by its CTB for 2012-13 (rounded to the nearest pound).
- iv) For a local authority which was restructured in 2009 and which calculated its basic amounts of council tax for 2010-11 under Part 4 of the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Finance) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3022), 2.5% of its 2011-12 average basic amount of council tax for the whole authority *multiplied* by the authority's CTB for 2011-12 (rounded to the nearest pound).
- v) For any other authority, 2.5% of its 2011-12 basic amount of council tax multiplied by its CTB for 2012-13 (rounded to the nearest pound).

A few major precepting authorities (MPAs) provided council tax base (CTB) figures on their CTR form which did not equal the sum of the CTB figures supplied by the billing authorities in their area. Ministers have decided that grant for the MPAs will be calculated by reference to the sum of CTB from all billing authorities in their geographical area rather than to the information in each MPA's CTR form¹.

¹ These discrepancies are not significant, the largest difference having an impact of £924.

ANNEX B

Authority to which grant is to be paid	Class	Amount of grant to be paid	Authority to which grant is to be paid	Class	Amount of grant to be paid
Camden	ILB	£2,486,733	Ribble Valley	SD	£78,906
City of London	ILB	£134,687	Rochford	SD	£159,069
Greenwich	ILB	£1,987,074	Rossendale	SD	£137,565
Hackney	ILB	£1,930,800	Rother	SD	£179,094
Hammersmith & Fulham	ILB	£1,625,315	Rugby	SD	£153,074
Islington	ILB	£2,158,965	Runnymede	SD	£115,994
Kensington & Chelsea	ILB	£1,950,559	Rushcliffe	SD	£136,452
Lambeth	ILB	£2,510,404	Rushmoor	SD	£146,515
Lewisham	ILB	£2,329,611	Ryedale	SD	£94,132
Southwark	ILB	£2,281,066	Scarborough	SD	£219,923
Tower Hamlets	ILB	£2,010,748	Sedgemoor	SD	£133,503
Wandsworth	ILB	£1,209,967	Selby	SD	£120,455
Westminster	ILB	£1,242,046	Sevenoaks	SD	£231,273
Barnsley	MD	£2,105,061	Shepway	SD	£245,977
Birmingham	MD	£8,330,474	South Bucks	SD	£117,800
Bolton	MD	£2,533,886	South Cambridgeshire	SD	£175,479
Bradford	MD	£4,079,668	South Derbyshire	SD	£120,929
Bury	MD	£1,887,191	South Holland	SD	£116,996
Calderdale	MD	£2,039,301	South Kesteven	SD	£158,546
Coventry	MD	£2,958,491	South Lakeland	SD	£203,820
Doncaster	MD	£2,355,043	South Norfolk	SD	£154,181
Dudley	MD	£2,783,039	South Northamptonshire	SD	£144,563
Gateshead	MD	£2,134,146	South Oxfordshire	SD	£172,146
Kirklees	MD	£3,909,608	South Somerset	SD	£230,539
Knowsley	MD	£1,316,269	South Staffordshire	SD	£95,021
Leeds	MD	£6,742,372	St Albans	SD	£260,512
Liverpool	MD	£4,096,081	St Edmundsbury	SD	£167,977
Manchester	MD	£3,553,938	Stafford	SD	£172,714
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	MD	£2,639,660	Staffordshire Moorlands	SD	£130,020
North Tyneside	MD	£2,132,170	Stevenage	SD	£136,622
Oldham	MD	£2,125,770	Stratford-on-Avon	SD	£168,484
Rochdale	MD	£1,974,183	Stroud	SD	£203,296
Rotherham	MD	£2,333,920	Suffolk Coastal	SD	£185,582
Salford	MD	£2,346,935	Surrey Heath	SD	£178,259
Sandwell	MD	£2,527,240	Swale	SD	£193,519
Sefton	MD	£2,948,818	Tamworth	SD	£87,405
Sheffield	MD	£4,931,699	Tandridge	SD	£183,945
Solihull	MD	£2,347,381	Taunton Deane	SD	£140,496
South Tyneside	MD	£1,450,546	Teignbridge	SD	£185,633
Stockport	MD	£3,399,671	Tendring	SD	£192,001
Sunderland	MD	£2,407,549	Test Valley	SD	£148,540
Tameside	MD	£1,952,174	Tewkesbury	SD	£79,893
Trafford	MD	£2,210,046	Thanet	SD	£247,737
Wakefield	MD	£2,809,036	Three Rivers	SD	£150,992
Walsall	MD	£2,731,140	Torridge	SD	£86,653
Wigan	MD	£2,836,110	Uttlesford	SD	£124,319

Wirral	MD	£3,322,785	Vale of White Horse	SD	£143,166
Wolverhampton	MD	£2,356,080	Warwick	SD	£196,281
Barking & Dagenham	OLB	£1,348,938	Watford	SD	£206,462
Barnet	OLB	£3,984,641	Waveney	SD	£148,075
Bexley	OLB	£2,387,100	Waverley	SD	£222,006
Brent	OLB	£2,604,939	Wealden	SD	£276,546
Bromley	OLB	£3,322,400	Wellingborough	SD	£80,596
Croydon	OLB	£3,713,352	Welwyn Hatfield	SD	£207,213
Ealing	OLB	£3,171,440	West Dorset	SD	£135,169
Enfield	OLB	£3,037,502	West Lancashire	SD	£173,840
Haringey	OLB	£2,575,262	West Lindsey	SD	£144,867
Harrow	OLB	£2,614,563	West Oxfordshire	SD	£86,615
Havering	OLB	£2,693,308	West Somerset	SD	£49,125
Hillingdon	OLB	£2,788,886	Weymouth & Portland	SD	£153,847
Hounslow	OLB	£2,391,272	Winchester	SD	£174,401
Kingston-upon-Thames	OLB	£2,136,215	Woking	SD	£210,626
Merton	OLB	£2,069,734	Worcester	SD	£134,190
Newham	OLB	£1,821,052	Worthing	SD	£213,724
Redbridge	OLB	£2,496,984	Wychavon	SD	£131,278
Richmond-upon-Thames	OLB	£2,896,370	Wycombe	SD	£231,028
Sutton	OLB	£2,114,654	Wyre	SD	£176,166
Waltham Forest	OLB	£2,225,759	Wyre Forest	SD	£175,195
Adur	SD	£154,594	Bath & North East Somerset UA	UA	£1,936,183
Amber Valley	SD	£156,734	Bedford UA	UA	£1,844,417
Arun	SD	£247,417	Blackburn with Darwen UA	UA	£1,251,812
Ashfield	SD	£148,909	Blackpool UA	UA	£1,506,085
Ashford	SD	£162,036	Bournemouth UA	UA	£2,030,194
Aylesbury Vale	SD	£247,305	Bracknell Forest UA	UA	£1,220,301
Basildon	SD	£403,864	Brighton & Hove UA	UA	£2,985,836
Basingstoke & Deane	SD	£169,900	Bristol UA	UA	£4,588,883
Bassetlaw	SD	£139,170	Central Bedfordshire UA	UA	£3,228,863
Blaby	SD	£109,306	Cheshire East UA	UA	£4,464,193
Bolsover	SD	£90,637	Cheshire West and Chester UA	UA	£3,816,494
Boston	SD	£82,887	Cornwall UA	UA	£6,081,597
Braintree	SD	£219,281	Derby UA	UA	£2,049,459
Breckland	SD	£71,452	Durham UA	UA	£5,044,696
Brentwood	SD	£142,759	East Riding of Yorkshire UA	UA	£3,616,565
Broadland	SD	£129,638	Halton UA	UA	£1,086,704
Bromsgrove	SD	£176,669	Hartlepool UA	UA	£993,111
Broxbourne	SD	£105,854	Herefordshire UA	UA	£2,168,608
Broxtowe	SD	£145,129	Isle of Wight Council UA	UA	£1,795,466
Burnley	SD	£165,245	Isles of Scilly	UA	£31,254
Cambridge	SD	£170,784	Kingston-upon-Hull UA	UA	£1,924,311
Cannock Chase	SD	£150,663	Medway UA	UA	£2,476,995
Canterbury	SD	£233,822	Milton Keynes UA	UA	£2,352,095
Carlisle	SD	£168,405	North East Lincolnshire UA	UA	£1,488,648
Castle Point	SD	£184,866	North Lincolnshire UA	UA	£1,673,145

Charnwood	SD	£172,843	North Somerset UA	UA	£2,268,330
Cheltenham	SD	£199,137	Northumberland UA	UA	£3,765,969
Cherwell	SD	£156,274	Plymouth UA	UA	£2,404,422
Chesterfield	SD	£114,761	Poole UA	UA	£1,788,484
Chichester	SD	£177,447	Portsmouth UA	UA	£1,721,270
Chiltern	SD	£177,336	Reading UA	UA	£1,735,972
Chorley	SD	£161,684	Rutland UA	UA	£519,754
Christchurch	SD	£91,794	Shropshire UA	UA	£3,243,184
Colchester	SD	£269,017	Slough UA	UA	£1,208,427
Copeland	SD	£100,342	South Gloucestershire UA	UA	£2,844,379
Cotswold	SD	£137,297	Southampton UA	UA	£2,080,138
Craven	SD	£85,099	Southend-on-Sea UA	UA	£1,721,838
Crawley	SD	£172,710	Swindon UA	UA	£2,095,920
Dacorum	SD	£249,866	Thurrock UA	UA	£1,439,335
Dartford	SD	£142,821	Torbay UA	UA	£1,545,608
Daventry	SD	£98,208	Warrington UA	UA	£2,003,925
Derbyshire Dales	SD	£141,640	West Berkshire UA	UA	£1,987,954
East Devon	SD	£175,369	Wiltshire UA	UA	£5,531,710
East Dorset	SD	£184,620	Windsor & Maidenhead UA	UA	£1,623,842
East Hertfordshire	SD	£233,236	Wokingham UA	UA	£1,975,574
East Lindsey	SD	£134,766	Berkshire Fire Authority	CFA	£561,302
East Staffordshire	SD	£172,012	Buckinghamshire Fire Authority	CFA	£531,704
Eastbourne	SD	£207,298	Cheshire Fire Authority	CFA	£751,741
Eastleigh	SD	£150,115	Derbyshire Fire Authority	CFA	£669,989
Eden	SD	£89,829	Dorset Fire Authority	CFA	£538,478
Elmbridge	SD	£318,181	East Sussex Fire Authority	CFA	£742,912
Epping Forest	SD	£204,190	Essex Fire Authority	CFA	£1,293,202
Erewash	SD	£147,684	Hampshire Fire Authority	CFA	£1,174,591
Exeter	SD	£119,350	Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority	CFA	£625,997
Fareham	SD	£152,366	Humberside Fire Authority	CFA	£675,541
Fenland	SD	£187,318	Kent Fire Authority	CFA	£1,304,827
Forest Heath	SD	£62,044	Lancashire Fire Authority	CFA	£896,231
Forest of Dean	SD	£119,597	Leicestershire Fire Authority	CFA	£513,054
Fylde	SD	£141,231	North Yorkshire Fire Authority	CFA	£559,971
Gloucester	SD	£177,863	Nottinghamshire Fire Authority	CFA	£698,815
Gosport	SD	£140,603	Staffordshire Fire Authority	CFA	£731,012
Great Yarmouth	SD	£115,840	Wiltshire Fire Authority	CFA	£475,628
Guildford	SD	£207,592	Greater Manchester Fire	MF	£1,276,361
Hambleton	SD	£80,988	Tyne and Wear Fire	MF	£718,694
Harborough	SD	£138,923	West Midlands Fire	MF	£1,153,618
Harlow	SD	£180,421	West Yorkshire Fire	MF	£1,078,733

Harrogate	SD	£341,089	Greater Manchester Police	MP	£3,498,902
Hart	SD	£145,243	Northumbria Police	MP	£1,097,386
Hastings	SD	£174,612	West Midlands Police	MP	£2,398,647
Havant	SD	£207,846	West Yorkshire Police	MP	£2,686,026
Hertsmere	SD	£165,156	Buckinghamshire	SC	£5,805,061
High Peak	SD	£139,444	Cumbria	SC	£5,146,423
Hinckley & Bosworth	SD	£105,808	Derbyshire	SC	£6,995,394
Horsham	SD	£203,534	Devon	SC	£8,154,717
Hyndburn	SD	£132,849	Dorset	SC	£5,068,670
Ipswich	SD	£320,584	East Sussex	SC	£6,020,609
Kettering	SD	£160,271	Essex	SC	£14,540,283
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	SD	£157,488	Gloucestershire	SC	£6,139,032
Lancaster	SD	£209,072	Hampshire	SC	£13,254,231
Lewes	SD	£186,086	Hertfordshire	SC	£12,645,590
Lincoln	SD	£158,036	Kent	SC	£14,447,854
Maidstone	SD	£339,063	Lancashire	SC	£10,631,467
Maldon	SD	£105,859	Leicestershire	SC	£6,008,477
Malvern Hills	SD	£101,599	Lincolnshire	SC	£6,331,576
Mansfield	SD	£147,150	Norfolk	SC	£8,622,391
Melton	SD	£84,486	North Yorkshire	SC	£6,163,896
Mendip	SD	£151,352	Northamptonshire	SC	£6,070,828
Mid Devon	SD	£129,352	Nottinghamshire	SC	£7,721,020
Mid Suffolk	SD	£135,940	Oxfordshire	SC	£7,113,139
Mid Sussex	SD	£215,796	Somerset	SC	£5,107,438
Mole Valley	SD	£154,689	Staffordshire	SC	£7,429,256
New Forest	SD	£285,330	Suffolk	SC	£7,243,340
Newark & Sherwood	SD	£158,215	Warwickshire	SC	£5,858,770
Newcastle-under-Lyme	SD	£173,108	West Sussex	SC	£9,566,884
North Devon	SD	£144,050	Worcestershire	SC	£5,490,850
North Dorset	SD	£72,264	Avon & Somerset Police	SP	£2,876,374
North East Derbyshire	SD	£141,464	Derbyshire Police	SP	£1,633,228
North Hertfordshire	SD	£248,620	Dorset Police	SP	£1,605,003
North Kesteven	SD	£128,798	Durham Police	SP	£884,290
North Norfolk	SD	£143,613	Gloucestershire Police	SP	£1,349,000
North Warwickshire	SD	£112,274	Hampshire Police	SP	£3,043,001
North West Leicestershire	SD	£141,287	Hertfordshire Police	SP	£2,004,885
Northampton	SD	£352,162	Kent Police	SP	£2,663,038
Norwich	SD	£232,053	North Yorkshire Police	SP	£1,844,478
Nuneaton & Bedworth	SD	£201,705	Northamptonshire Police	SP	£1,368,979
Oadby & Wigston	SD	£91,009	Staffordshire Police	SP	£1,919,501
Oxford	SD	£309,859	Sussex Police	SP	£2,623,783
Pendle	SD	£158,218	Thames Valley Police	SP	£4,077,251
Purbeck	SD	£81,055	West Mercia Police	SP	£2,384,316
Redditch	SD	£144,395	Wiltshire Police	SP	£1,202,946
Reigate & Banstead	SD	£287,852	Greater London Authority	GLA	£27,712,670