

To all local authorities in England

March 2017

Dear Colleague,

Subject Re: S31 of the Local Government Act 2003 Grant Determination Letter for the 30 Hours Childcare Digital Accelerate Grant in 2016-17 [DfE ref CSEC109/2016] [DCLG ref 31/2946]

Background

From September 2017 the government will deliver on its commitment to double the amount of government funded childcare available to the working parents of three and four-year-olds. In advance of full implementation, the government is providing “Digital Accelerate” grant funding to local authorities to procure and deliver digital solutions for the 30 Hours business process.

Our vision is to enable a smooth customer journey for parents and to minimise eligibility checking burdens on councils and providers. Examples of expected activities include:

- The definition of an improved digital business process
- Exploring the appropriate digital journey for the LA
- Exploring the appropriate route to delivering the digital solution. There are a number of ways an LA can do this and the “Digital Accelerate” team is available to support LAs to understand their options.
- Procuring a digital solution.
- Implementing a digital solution.
- Explore solutions that other LAs have delivered. A number of LAs are already quite close to delivering appropriate digital solutions.
- Becoming a regional champion and gathering information/ learning from other LAs in the region
- Working with the Department to disseminate learning.

More information on “Digital Accelerate” objectives can be found at **Annex B**.

Grant allocations

Total funding of £2.15 million is available for this programme in 2016-17. Funds will be made available under Section 31 in the form of a non-ring fenced grant.

The details of allocations to be made to each local authority are set out in **Annex A**.

Payment arrangements

Payment will be made in one instalment in March 2017.

Arrangements for updating the Department for Education

The Department for Education “Digital Accelerate” team is keen to work with Local Authorities to support their implementation of solutions.

The Department for Education would also be happy to receive any information about effective practice, approaches and activities LAs develop on early implementation innovation.

This letter has been copied to the Early Years officials and Director of Children’s Services from the local authorities listed at **Annex A** and to Her Majesty’s Treasury and Department for Communities and Local Government.

Enquires

For all enquiries about the 30 hours childcare Digital Accelerate Grant, please contact

ECS.Change@education.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katy Willison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katy Willison, Deputy Director of Early Years & Childcare

Department for Education

30 HOURS CHILDCARE DIGITAL ACCELERATE GRANT DETERMINATION 2016-17: [DfE ref CSEC109/2016] [DCLG ref 31/2946]

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 the 30 Hours Digital Accelerate Determination 2016-17 [DCLG ref 31/2946].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to Local Authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them, in the development of digital solutions to support the delivery of 30 hours policy.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the authorities to which the grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education by Katy Willison,
Deputy Director, Department for Education,



Deputy Director of Early Years & Childcare

Department for Education

**ANNEX A – 30 HOURS Childcare Digital Accelerate: GRANT DETERMINATION 2016-17:
[DfE ref CSEC109/2016] [DCLG ref 31/ 2946]**

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Barking and Dagenham	£ 7,100.00
Barnet	£ 20,689.30
Barnsley	£ 20,689.30
Bath and North East Somerset	£ 7,000.00
Bedford	£ 12,000.00
Bexley	£ 8,000.00
Birmingham	£ 5,000.00
Blackburn with Darwen	£ 7,100.00
Blackpool	£ 34,000.00
Bolton	£ 12,000.00
Bournemouth	£ 5,000.00
Bracknell Forest	£ 20,689.30
Bradford	£ 21,723.00
Brent	£ 8,100.00
Brighton and Hove	£ 9,800.00
Bristol, City of	£ 22,000.00
Bromley	£ 31,000.00
Buckinghamshire	£ 5,500.00
Bury	£ 7,100.00
Calderdale	£ 7,000.00
Cambridgeshire	£ 10,400.00
Camden	£ 7,100.00
Central Bedfordshire	£ 7,100.00
Cheshire East	£ 15,600.00
Cheshire West and Chester	£ 19,500.00
City of London	£ 19,500.00
Cornwall	£ 20,689.30
Coventry	£ 20,689.30
Croydon	£ 10,640.00
Cumbria	£ 8,100.00
Darlington	£ 20,689.30
Derby	£ 7,100.00
Derbyshire	£ 10,650.00
Devon	£ 6,000.00
Doncaster	£ 16,000.00
Dorset	£ 14,102.00
Dudley	£ 7,100.00
Durham	£ 10,604.00
Ealing	£ 20,689.30

East Riding of Yorkshire	£	7,100.00
East Sussex	£	9,300.00
Enfield	£	7,950.00
Essex	£	10,000.00
Gateshead	£	7,100.00
Gloucestershire	£	6,000.00
Greenwich	£	19,500.00
Hackney	£	14,750.00
Halton	£	20,689.30
Hammersmith and Fulham	£	5,750.00
Hampshire	£	20,689.30
Haringey	£	20,689.30
Harrow	£	7,100.00
Hartlepool	£	10,000.00
Havering	£	20,689.30
Herefordshire	£	20,689.30
Hertfordshire	£	35,133.90
Hillingdon	£	7,100.00
Hounslow	£	16,000.00
Isle of Wight	£	4,200.00
Islington	£	20,689.30
Kensington and Chelsea	£	5,750.00
Kent	£	20,689.30
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£	12,900.00
Kingston upon Thames	£	12,100.00
Kirklees	£	7,100.00
Knowsley	£	7,100.00
Lambeth	£	20,689.30
Lancashire	£	7,100.00
Leeds	£	16,100.00
Leicester	£	17,425.00
Leicestershire	£	20,689.30
Lewisham	£	7,100.00
Lincolnshire	£	12,000.00
Liverpool	£	5,000.00
Luton	£	12,643.00
Manchester	£	18,650.00
Medway	£	7,100.00
Merton	£	20,689.30
Middlesbrough	£	6,000.00
Milton Keynes	£	7,100.00
Newcastle upon Tyne	£	20,689.30
Newham	£	20,689.30
Norfolk	£	7,425.00

North East Lincolnshire	£	20,689.30
North Lincolnshire	£	23,500.00
North Somerset	£	19,500.00
North Tyneside	£	16,000.00
North Yorkshire	£	7,100.00
Northamptonshire	£	20,689.30
Northumberland	£	24,000.00
Nottingham	£	20,689.30
Nottinghamshire	£	20,689.30
Oldham	£	7,100.00
Oxfordshire	£	20,689.30
Peterborough	£	19,500.00
Plymouth	£	10,500.00
Poole	£	5,550.00
Portsmouth	£	20,689.30
Reading	£	6,000.00
Redbridge	£	7,100.00
Redcar and Cleveland	£	19,500.00
Richmond upon Thames	£	12,100.00
Rochdale	£	20,689.30
Rotherham	£	7,100.00
Rutland	£	20,689.30
Salford	£	20,689.30
Sandwell	£	20,689.30
Sefton	£	9,750.00
Sheffield	£	13,550.00
Shropshire	£	14,515.00
Slough	£	15,800.00
Solihull	£	17,250.00
Somerset	£	20,689.30
South Gloucestershire	£	20,689.30
South Tyneside	£	9,800.00
Southampton	£	13,500.00
Southend-on-Sea	£	8,625.00
Southwark	£	14,150.00
St Helens	£	7,100.00
Staffordshire	£	17,425.00
Stockport	£	20,689.30
Stockton-On-Tees	£	15,000.00
Stoke-on-Trent	£	7,200.00
Suffolk	£	20,689.30
Sunderland	£	20,689.30
Surrey	£	28,000.00
Sutton	£	7,100.00

Swindon	£	15,250.00
Tameside	£	14,200.00
Telford and Wrekin	£	14,250.00
Thurrock	£	9,184.00
Torbay	£	19,500.00
Tower Hamlets	£	12,100.00
Trafford	£	19,500.00
Wakefield	£	7,100.00
Walsall	£	7,100.00
Waltham Forest	£	19,500.00
Wandsworth	£	31,588.30
Warrington	£	20,689.30
Warwickshire	£	7,100.00
West Berkshire	£	6,000.00
West Sussex	£	7,100.00
Westminster	£	5,750.00
Wigan	£	7,500.00
Wiltshire	£	27,202.00
Windsor and Maidenhead	£	12,000.00
Wirral	£	12,650.00
Wokingham	£	20,689.30
Wolverhampton	£	21,000.00
Worcestershire	£	19,700.00
York	£	12,100.00
Total	£	2,150,000.00

ANNEX B – Digital Accelerate Aims & Vision

Our aim is for Local Authorities to improve their IT systems, enabling them to automatically check eligibility codes for 30 hours' childcare.

We have placed a smooth customer journey at the heart of the design of 30 hours' free childcare. A key element of this is a fully digital end-to-end application and eligibility checking system linking providers and LAs. IT capabilities within local authorities differ greatly and this funding will directly fund improvements to their IT systems.

The vision for the "Digital Accelerate" grant is as follows:

30 Hours Vision – September 2018	
390,000	instant eligibility checks / year (provider)
2 million	automatic eligibility re-checks / year
Zero	FTE required for checking
Zero	second wait for provider re decision
100%	Accurate monthly provider payments