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All Local Authority Chief Executives

## **DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT – METHODOLOGY CHANGE FOR ALLOCATION**

The Department for Communities and Local Government is announcing a small change to the allocation methodology for the Disabled Facilities Grant for the financial year 2011-12.

In 2011-12 there is £180m available to be distributed as Disabled Facilities Grant to local authorities – an extra £11m more than was available in 2010-11. Under the proposed new methodology all Local Authorities will, as a minimum, receive what they were allocated in 2010-11. The extra £11million will be shared between the Local Authorities using a relative needs weighted index developed by the Building Research Establishment. This index will be used to give additional money to those Local Authorities who would have gained additional resources had the relative needs formula been used to distribute the entire £180m. Those Local Authorities who would have received less on this basis will receive what they were allocated in 2010-11.

Details of the Building Research Establishment relative needs index will be made available on the Department for Communities and Local Government website shortly.

We believe that this is a robust, fair and transparent way of allocating the available Disabled Facilities Grant funding. It will begin a move towards a more needs-based approach without disadvantaging any authority.

Yours sincerely,



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