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2018-19 Housing Benefit administration subsidy arrangements for English, Scottish and Welsh local authorities

Introduction

1. This circular contains details of the final distribution of the 2018-19 Housing Benefit (HB) administration subsidy. This circular updates Circular [HB S13/2017](#) published on 20 December 2017.
2. Provision for the 2018-19 HB administration subsidy arrangements will be made by an Amendment Order to the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998, which will be subject to consultation with the Local Authority Associations (LAAs) prior to being laid in Parliament.
3. LAA and local authority (LA) representatives have been consulted regarding the distribution methodology.

Background

4. Following the abolition of Council Tax Benefit (CTB) and the introduction of Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) in April 2013, the funding baseline for HB/CTB has remained disaggregated. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for allocating the HB element to LAs with the responsibility for distributing the remaining LCTS element being with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Devolved Administrations to distribute to their respective LAs.
5. Circular HB S13/2017 provided indicative 2018-19 HB administration subsidy allocations. This was a result of the Autumn Budget and Universal Credit announcements in November 2017 which impacted the level of Universal Credit savings to be applied to the 2018-19 HB administration subsidy.
6. The department has subsequently agreed the level of Universal Credit savings. The Annexes to this circular provide the final distribution of the 2018-19 HB administration subsidy.
7. The 2018-19 HB administration subsidy allocation by country is:
 - English LAs - £185.132 million
 - Scottish LAs - £21.010 million
 - Welsh LAs - £10.664 million
8. This funding is calculated by applying a flat rate efficiency saving reduction (applied after Universal Credit savings are deducted) to the 2017-18 HB administration subsidy, which is consistent with DWPs' baseline funding.

Universal Credit rollout

9. The 2018-19 HB administration subsidy funding takes into account the revised November 2017 Universal Credit rollout schedule. Universal Credit savings of £5.894 million have been deducted from the total amount of the 2018-19 HB administration subsidy for Great Britain. This is in addition to the £11.3 million previously deducted from the 2017-18 HB administration subsidy funding.
10. Universal Credit savings are profiled across a number of financial years. The 2018-19 Universal Credit savings take into account the November 2017 Autumn Budget and Universal Credit announcements, along with a review of the savings in the Universal Credit business case.

Distribution methodology

11. For 2018-19, the HB administration subsidy is based on the 2017-18 allocation and applies the HB caseload estimates used in the 2017-18 allocations, before any Universal Credit savings or efficiency savings are applied.
12. The Universal Credit savings deduction has been calculated using total expected Universal Credit savings up to 2018-19. These are based on the estimated individual LA's share of the expected national reduction in the HB working caseload.
13. A flat rate reduction has then been applied across all LA allocations, in line with the departmental efficiency savings.
14. Allocations are rounded to the nearest pound.
15. MHCLG will inform English LAs of their 2018-19 LCTS funding.

2018-19 national funding

16. The table below details the total national funding level available for 2018-19, compared to 2017-18.

HB administration subsidy	2017-18 (£million, rounded)	2018-19 (£million, rounded)
HB administration subsidy allocation (previous year)	£261.755	£235.938
Less adjustment for Universal Credit	£11.300	£5.894
Less efficiency challenge	£14.517	£13.237
HB administration subsidy allocation (final)	£235.938	£216.807

Payment of administration subsidy

17. Payments of administration subsidy will be made in 12 monthly instalments beginning in April 2018. The overall subsidy available to support HB administration costs is cash-limited and so there is no provision for any adjustments to be made to individual LA allocations.

2018-19 LA allocations - England

LA	Final 2018-19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Adur	168,661
Allerdale	262,412
Amber Valley	322,355
Arun	439,124
Ashfield	417,437
Ashford	332,412
Aylesbury Vale	408,425
Babergh	185,900
Barking	1,031,669
Barnet	1,478,278
Barnsley	841,419
Barrow-in-Furness	215,961
Basildon	604,550
Basingstoke and Deane	411,551
Bassetlaw	323,742
Bath and N E Somerset	414,650
Bedford	474,290
Bexley	700,259
Birmingham	4,845,983
Blaby	165,768
Blackburn with Darwen	518,877
Blackpool	831,138
Bolsover	254,274
Bolton	1,082,057
Boston	224,548
Bournemouth	716,277
Bracknell Forest	288,279
Bradford	1,911,684
Braintree	375,425
Breckland	348,285
Brent	1,825,004
Brentwood	138,800
Brighton and Hove	1,108,821
Bristol	1,759,545
Broadland	223,677
Bromley	875,650
Bromsgrove	164,936
Broxbourne	280,731
Broxtowe	262,047
Burnley	352,107
Bury	578,005
Calderdale	666,397
Cambridge	345,827
Camden	1,478,991
Cannock Chase	295,781
Canterbury	406,551

Carlisle	310,708
Castle Point	211,774
Central Bedfordshire	578,690
Charnwood	343,403
Chelmsford	388,426
Cheltenham	288,073
Cherwell	324,446
Cheshire East	774,548
Cheshire West and Chester	849,622
Chesterfield	393,601
Chichester	297,301
Chiltern	169,226
Chorley	258,250
Christchurch	121,477
City of London	62,210
Colchester	493,341
Copeland	202,557
Corby	250,517
Cornwall	1,745,138
Cotswold	180,982
Coventry	1,235,694
Craven	96,753
Crawley	432,204
Croydon	1,470,136
Dacorum	443,418
Darlington	411,782
Dartford	264,352
Daventry	140,106
Derby	889,298
Derbyshire Dales	140,921
Doncaster	1,073,628
Dover	357,141
Dudley	988,896
Durham	2,018,235
Ealing	1,571,849
East Cambridgeshire	190,181
East Devon	311,072
East Dorset	162,697
East Hampshire	224,619
East Hertfordshire	301,524
East Lindsey	488,039
East Northamptonshire	187,915
East Riding of Yorkshire	837,734
East Staffordshire	297,962
Eastbourne	403,326
Eastleigh	245,547
Eden	96,353
Elmbridge	281,494
Enfield	1,560,821
Epping Forest	321,590
Epsom and Ewell	148,919

Erewash	299,681
Exeter	386,170
Fareham	193,886
Fenland	312,129
Forest Heath	163,075
Forest of Dean	213,816
Fylde	199,357
Gateshead	885,392
Gedling	300,683
Gloucester	410,346
Gosport	303,370
Gravesham	317,703
Great Yarmouth	380,857
Greenwich	1,535,326
Guildford	297,357
Hackney	2,278,328
Halton	473,845
Hambleton	167,917
Hammersmith and Fulham	1,030,738
Harborough	117,523
Haringey	1,665,501
Harlow	362,108
Harrogate	277,348
Harrow	841,293
Hart	121,839
Hartlepool	429,762
Hastings	420,606
Havant	340,395
Havering	691,892
Herefordshire	485,187
Hertsmere	300,007
High Peak	240,915
Hillingdon	1,025,399
Hinckley and Bosworth	191,985
Horsham	246,248
Hounslow	941,612
Huntingdonshire	396,617
Hyndburn	314,957
Ipswich	527,783
Isle of Wight	498,873
Isles of Scilly	1,779
Islington	1,660,490
Kensington and Chelsea	932,921
Kettering	261,678
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	418,310
Kingston upon Hull	1,441,320
Kingston upon Thames	449,283
Kirklees	1,335,647
Knowsley	760,790
Lambeth	2,116,006
Lancaster	357,841

Leeds	3,000,369
Leicester	1,429,272
Lewes	276,347
Lewisham	1,972,731
Lichfield	190,731
Lincoln	391,402
Liverpool	2,706,464
Luton	749,632
Maidstone	403,528
Maldon	134,080
Malvern Hills	180,660
Manchester	2,663,251
Mansfield	387,934
Medway	871,344
Melton	89,038
Mendip	264,961
Merton	603,503
Mid Devon	191,837
Mid Suffolk	172,484
Mid Sussex	247,338
Middlesbrough	797,064
Milton Keynes	936,940
Mole Valley	177,763
New Forest	375,463
Newark and Sherwood	295,136
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,262,109
Newcastle-under-Lyme	342,445
Newham	1,713,116
North Devon	287,593
North Dorset	148,381
North East Derbyshire	279,461
North East Lincolnshire	633,576
North Hertfordshire	349,879
North Kesteven	223,363
North Lincolnshire	494,063
North Norfolk	287,501
North Somerset	579,464
North Tyneside	795,212
North Warwickshire	152,736
North West Leicestershire	207,790
Northampton	715,240
Northumberland	1,042,202
Norwich	701,790
Nottingham	1,573,781
Nuneaton and Bedworth	377,849
Oadby and Wigston	98,605
Oldham	841,141
Oxford	465,233
Pendle	325,830
Peterborough	725,956
Plymouth	1,010,710

Poole	384,168
Portsmouth	990,482
Preston	486,146
Purbeck	109,227
Reading	599,511
Redbridge	894,183
Redcar and Cleveland	595,052
Redditch	247,933
Reigate and Banstead	310,534
Ribble Valley	88,793
Richmond upon Thames	461,112
Richmondshire	81,472
Rochdale	888,867
Rochford	155,011
Rossendale	207,571
Rother	235,430
Rotherham	1,002,694
Rugby	221,259
Runnymede	189,945
Rushcliffe	180,560
Rushmoor	300,175
Rutland	59,284
Ryedale	107,869
Salford	1,211,029
Sandwell	1,451,145
Scarborough	413,616
Sedgemoor	293,746
Sefton	951,562
Selby	173,002
Sevenoaks	253,535
Sheffield	2,211,617
Shepway	386,086
Shropshire	717,236
Slough	548,949
Solihull	520,274
South Bucks	125,096
South Cambridgeshire	262,077
South Derbyshire	194,231
South Gloucestershire	644,006
South Hams	211,064
South Holland	214,481
South Kesteven	324,425
South Lakeland	187,569
South Norfolk	267,200
South Northamptonshire	129,724
South Oxfordshire	236,961
South Ribble	235,100
South Somerset	398,192
South Staffordshire	228,960
South Tyneside	807,910
Southampton	937,411

Southend on Sea	674,571
Southwark	1,821,052
Spelthorne	238,464
St Albans	266,714
St Edmundsbury	260,676
St Helens	687,740
Stafford	282,170
Staffordshire Moorlands	187,524
Stevenage	328,392
Stockport	786,763
Stockton on Tees	723,140
Stoke on Trent	1,070,400
Stratford-on-Avon	253,567
Stroud	244,426
Suffolk Coastal	270,052
Sunderland	1,354,237
Surrey Heath	156,737
Sutton	552,843
Swale	451,413
Swindon	544,653
Tameside	892,517
Tamworth	215,178
Tandridge	175,139
Taunton Deane	283,257
Teignbridge	348,469
Telford and Wrekin	674,888
Tendring	545,504
Test Valley	257,724
Tewkesbury	180,578
Thanet	613,951
Three Rivers	202,728
Thurrock	515,679
Tonbridge and Malling	295,320
Torbay	621,630
Torridge	184,810
Tower Hamlets	1,975,866
Trafford	572,504
Tunbridge Wells	282,174
Uttlesford	137,566
Vale of White Horse	232,307
Wakefield	1,324,444
Walsall	1,182,221
Waltham Forest	1,200,866
Wandsworth	1,460,967
Warrington	500,707
Warwick	295,984
Watford	295,967
Waveney	378,119
Waverley	251,210
Wealden	267,480
Wellingborough	247,314

Welwyn Hatfield	347,407
West Berkshire	337,409
West Devon	129,865
West Dorset	253,631
West Lancashire	287,148
West Lindsey	262,726
West Oxfordshire	207,734
West Somerset	111,146
Westminster	1,378,835
Weymouth and Portland	246,684
Wigan	1,053,308
Wiltshire	1,044,787
Winchester	245,154
Windsor and Maidenhead	297,451
Wirral	1,238,690
Woking	224,465
Wokingham	188,393
Wolverhampton	1,138,969
Worcester	311,222
Worthing	301,724
Wychavon	282,274
Wycombe	395,036
Wyre	335,089
Wyre Forest	329,150
York	416,507
Total	185,132,133

2018-19 LA allocations - Scotland

LA	Final 2018-19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Aberdeen	689,041
Aberdeenshire	609,938
Angus	368,077
Argyll and Bute	319,323
Clackmannanshire	204,134
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	105,407
Dumfries and Galloway	609,978
Dundee	823,321
East Ayrshire	531,445
East Dunbartonshire	221,758
East Lothian	282,606
East Renfrewshire	175,490
Edinburgh	1,752,172
Falkirk	562,731
Fife	1,319,829
Glasgow	3,943,978
Highland	686,589
Inverclyde	388,854
Midlothian	270,558
Moray	257,770
North Ayrshire	672,284
North Lanarkshire	1,457,778
Orkney	62,862
Perth and Kinross	446,995
Renfrewshire	778,470
Scottish Borders	417,835
Shetland	50,400
South Ayrshire	442,814
South Lanarkshire	1,114,586
Stirling	235,824
West Dunbartonshire	540,770
West Lothian	666,878
Total	21,010,495

2018-19 LA allocations - Wales

LA	Final 2018-19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Blaenau Gwent	335,207
Bridgend	494,528
Caerphilly	670,501
Cardiff	1,311,726
Carmarthenshire	574,293
Ceredigion	208,376
Conwy	386,790
Denbighshire	354,600
Flintshire	396,103
Gwynedd	375,758
Isle of Anglesey	220,487
Merthyr Tydfil	247,532
Monmouthshire	219,545
Neath Port Talbot	573,428
Newport	574,254
Pembrokeshire	396,561
Powys	346,356
Rhondda Cynon Taf	875,988
Swansea	895,579
Torfaen	360,633
Vale of Glamorgan	382,134
Wrexham	463,982
Total	10,664,361