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28 September 2018

Dear Julie Nugent,

Re: S31 Demand Led Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget – Implementation Funding for the period April 2018 to July 2019 (DfE reference number GR1000410 and MHCLG reference number 31/3396)

This Determination is made between:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Education and
- (2) West Midlands Combined Authority

I am pleased to be writing to you to confirm the details of the Government's offer to West Midlands Combined Authority in relation to the provision of implementation funding for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2019 to support preparation for the devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

We will provide this demand led grant under a Section 31 non-ring fenced transfer (Local Government Act 2003). We will match the level of funding expended by West Midlands Combined Authority in preparation for devolution of the adult education budget for activities such as those described in the West Midlands Combined Authority business case submitted to the Department of Education for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2019, once you have incurred and evidenced these expenses, up to a maximum of £799,959. The Senior Responsible Owner for this Grant, Dominic Hastings, will require your responsible officer to confirm that the funding has been properly expended. (see arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education below)

Purpose of the grant

The Department will provide a maximum of £799,959 to support costs associated with implementation of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget, in line with the West Midlands Combined Authority business case.

Payment arrangements

Payment will be made in three instalments – October 2018, April 2019 and August 2019.

Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education

The Department for Education has an associated memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place and asks West Midlands Combined Authority to provide use of funds statements, confirming the grant received and spent was used wholly for the purposes for which it was given, in May 2019 (for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019) and in September 2019 (for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 July 2019) signed by its Accounting Officer.

The Department for Education would also be happy to receive any information about effective practice.

This letter has been copied to the Chief Finance Officer of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Enquiries

For all enquiries please contact rik.walls@education.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,

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Dominic Hastings
Deputy Director, Further Education Funding

DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET: IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING - GRANT DETERMINATION APRIL 2018 TO JULY 2019: [DfE Reference Number GR1000410, and MHCLG Reference Number 31/3396]

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister 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 Devolution of the Adult Education Budget: Implementation Funding Grant Determination April 2018 to July 2019 [31/3396].

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.

Determination

3) The Minister of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

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

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

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Dominic Hastings, Deputy Director, Further Education Funding, Careers and Further Education Group, Higher and Further Education Directorate, Department for Education.

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ANNEX A

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Maximum amount of grant to be paid		
	2018-19 financial year	2019-20 financial year	Total
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough MCA	£162,816	£40,600	£203,416
Greater London Authority	£1,441,767	£478,287	£1,920,054
Greater Manchester MCA	£432,418	£142,423	£574,841
Liverpool City Region MCA	£501,827	£154,692	£656,519
North of Tyne*	TBC	TBC	TBC
Sheffield City Region**	£155,140	£39,943	£195,083
Tees Valley MCA	£392,066	£179,178	£571,244
West of England MCA	£194,504	£86,472	£280,976
West Midlands MCA	£604,430	£195,529	£799,959
Total	£3,884,968	£1,317,124	£5,202,092

*North of Tyne MCA has been given approval by the Department of Education to defer the submission of its business case for implementation funding until 30 November 2018. The amount of implementation funding to be allocated/paid to North of Tyne will be confirmed following a review of its business case, and the Combined Authority being formally constituted through the formal legal Parliamentary processes to facilitate the effective devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the North of Tyne area.

**Payment is subject to Sheffield City Region undertaking the next steps in the implementation of its devolution deal – the consultation on the powers to be transferred to the mayor and combined authority.