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Dear Deborah,

S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget: Notification of Adult Education Budget Allocation for Academic year 2019/20, which spans Financial Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (DfE reference number GR1000749 and MHCLG reference number 31/3653)

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 Adult Education Budget (AEB) grant for the period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020, following devolution of adult education functions and the associated AEB to West Midlands Combined Authority from 1 August 2019.

We will provide this grant under a Section 31 non-ring fenced transfer (Local Government Act 2003).

Amount and purpose of the grant

The Department will allocate **£125,639,242** (£78,712,985 in FY 2019-20, £46,926,257 in FY 2020-21) to you for the provision of relevant adult education functions in the West Midlands Combined Authority area for the period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

Payment arrangements

DfE Payment Date	Amount	Academic year period covered
April 2019 FY 2019-2020	£78,712,985 (62.65% of total allocation 2019/20)	1 August 2019 to 31 March 2020
April 2020 FY 2020-2021	£46,926,257 (37.35% of total allocation 2019/20) This is not the final total for FY 2020-21. To be added on to this figure is the actual amount for August 2020 to March 2021. This will be confirmed in January 2020. The proportion will be 62.65% of total allocation for AY 2020/21 and will be issued under a separate grant letter.	1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020 1 August 2020 to 31 March 2021

Assurance arrangements

West Midlands Combined Authority must have regard to The National Local Growth Assurance framework, including Adult Education Budget guidelines, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 8 January 2019 clarifying what assurances should be in place when administering adult education functions.

The Department for Education also has an associated memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place with West Midlands Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions signed by West Midlands Combined Authority in December 2018 and published on GOV.UK on 6 February 2019.

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

Enquiries

For all enquiries please contact Adult.SkillsDevolution@education.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,

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Dominic Hastings
Deputy Director, Further Education Funding

S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget: Notification of Adult Education Budget Allocation for Academic year 2019/20, which spans Financial Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (DfE reference number GR1000410 and MHCLG reference number 31/3653)

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: Devolved budget allocation [31/3653].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is for provision of relevant adult education functions and the associated AEB.

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.

27 March 2019

ANNEX A

AEB budget payments to Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority

Combined Authority	FY 2019-20 payment	FY 2020-21 payment*
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£7,212,927	£4,300,125
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London)**	£191,987,714	£114,457,161
Greater Manchester	£58,013,818	£34,586,051
Liverpool City Region	£32,189,715	£19,190,516
Tees Valley	£18,448,244	£10,998,275
West of England	£9,234,233	£5,505,165
West Midlands	£78,712,985	£46,926,257
Total	£395,799,636	£235,963,550

* This is not the final total for FY 2020-21. To be added on to this figure is the actual amount for August 2020 to March 2021. This will be confirmed in January 2020. The proportion will be 62.65% of total allocation for 2020/21 and will be issued under a separate grant letter.

** The Mayor of London's budget allocation for 2019/20 will be transferred to the Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) in accordance with Section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.