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Dear Ms Cadman,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget for Financial Year 2021-22: No. 31/5507 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO-21-22)**

This Determination is made between:

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

This letter confirms the amount of devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) you will receive in the financial year (FY) 2021-22 (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022) to deliver relevant adult education functions in your devolved area.

#### Payment arrangements

Your total devolved AEB for FY 2021-22 is **£133,546,650** as set out in the table on page 2 and you will receive payment by mid-April 2021.

We are providing this grant as a Section 31 (S31) non-ring-fenced transfer under the Local Government Act 2003 and have copied this grant letter to the Chief Finance Officer of your Combined Authority for information.

West Midlands Combined Authority	AY 2020/21	AY 2021/22		
	FY 2021-22 Payment			FY 2022-23 Payment <sup>1,2</sup>
	Apr to Jul	Aug to Mar	Total	Apr to Jul
Devolved AEB	£49,006,588	£82,372,696	<b>£131,379,284</b>	£49,108,064
Additional Devolved AEB - Plan for Jobs	£1,970,554	£0	<b>£1,970,554</b>	£0
'Uplift' funding for 19 to 23-year-olds <sup>3</sup>	£48,776	£148,036	<b>£196,812</b>	£49,346
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£51,025,918</b>	<b>£82,520,732</b>	<b>£133,546,650</b>	<b>£49,157,410</b>

Notes:

1. This is not the overall total for FY 2022-23, which will include an amount from the AY 2022/23. This will be confirmed in January 2022 and will be issued under a separate S31 Grant Determination Letter.
2. Funding against the FY 2022-23 falls outside the current Spending Review period and the Department is allocating this amount at its own risk.
3. Part of the Level 3 adult offer. Eligible 19 to 23-year-old learners can access all qualifications from the Level 3 adult offer and the qualification will attract the per-qualification uplift.

### Assurance arrangements

Your Combined Authority must have regard to the National Local Growth Assurance Framework<sup>1</sup>, including Adult Education Budget guidelines. The framework was published in January 2019 by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and clarifies what assurances should be in place when administering adult education functions.

In addition, the Department for Education also has an associated Memorandum of Understanding<sup>2</sup> in place with your Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions.

### Enquiries

Please contact [adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk](mailto:adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk) for further information.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Richard Simper  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-local-growth-assurance-framework>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/devolution-of-adult-education-functions-mous>

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget for Financial Year 2021-22: No. 31/5507 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO-21-22)**

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 Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Determination for financial year 2021-22 [31/5507].

**Purpose of the grant**

- 2) The purpose of the grant is for provision of relevant adult education functions and towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred through the associated Adult Education Budget.

**Determination**

- 3) The Secretary 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 the Mayoral Combined Authorities specified in Annex A, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



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### Devolved AEB Payments to Specified Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority

Combined Authority	AY 2020/21	AY 2021/22		
	FY 2021-22 Payment			FY 2022-23 Payment <sup>1,2</sup>
	Apr to Jul	Aug to Mar	Total	Apr to Jul
Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield <sup>3,4</sup>	£0	£24,623,098	<b>£24,623,098</b>	£14,667,700
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£4,675,802	£7,495,025	<b>£12,170,827</b>	£4,464,769
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) <sup>5</sup>	£124,456,588	£199,154,548	<b>£323,611,136</b>	£118,635,903
Greater Manchester	£37,607,624	£60,292,079	<b>£97,899,703</b>	£35,915,851
Liverpool City Region	£20,867,075	£33,388,169	<b>£54,255,244</b>	£19,889,255
North of Tyne	£9,048,929	£14,759,370	<b>£23,808,299</b>	£8,792,123
Tees Valley	£11,959,127	£19,132,268	<b>£31,091,395</b>	£11,397,047
West Midlands	£51,025,918	£82,520,732	<b>£133,546,650</b>	£49,157,410
West Yorkshire <sup>4</sup>	£0	£40,797,949	<b>£40,797,949</b>	£24,302,883
West of England	£5,986,118	£9,587,011	<b>£15,573,129</b>	£5,710,961
<b>Devolved Total</b>	<b>£265,627,181</b>	<b>£491,750,249</b>	<b>£757,377,430</b>	<b>£292,933,902</b>

Notes:

1. This is not the overall total for FY 2022-23, which will include an amount from the academic year (AY) 2022/23. This will be confirmed in January 2022 and will be issued under a separate S31 Grant Determination Letter.
2. Funding against the FY 2022-23 falls outside the current Spending Review period and the Department is allocating this amount at its own risk.
3. The legal title for Sheffield City Region Combined Authority.
4. The FY 2021-22 grant allocation is for AY 2021/22 only, covering the period 1 August 2021 to 31 March 2022.
5. The Mayor of London's grant allocation will be transferred to the Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) under separate arrangements in accordance with Section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It is being referenced here for completeness.