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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1. This Report is made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (“the Secretary of State”), and laid before the House of Commons, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 7B to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”)<sup>1</sup>. It applies in relation to England only.
- 1.2. This Report sets out the Secretary of State's determination to pay Revenue Support Grant for the financial year 2015/2016 under section 78 of the 1988 Act<sup>2</sup>, the amount of such grant for that year, what amount of the grant he proposes to pay to receiving authorities, and what amount of the grant he proposes to pay to the specified body.
- 1.3. Before making the determination under section 78 of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State consulted such representatives of local government as appeared to him to be appropriate and obtained the Treasury's consent.
- 1.4. This Report also sets out the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to distribute among receiving authorities the amount of Revenue Support Grant which falls to be paid to such authorities for the financial year 2015/2016.
- 1.5. This Report also sets out the Secretary of State's determination for the financial year 2015/2016, made under paragraph 4 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act, of the percentage that is to be the central share and the percentage that is to be the local share for each billing authority.
- 1.6. This Report also sets out the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to calculate which authorities are to receive payments (referred to in this Report as “top-up” payments) and which authorities are to make payments (referred to in this Report as “tariff” payments) and the amount of such payments, under Part 5 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act.
- 1.7. The amount of the Revenue Support Grant that is to be distributed to local policing bodies<sup>3</sup> for police services is zero. Similarly no payments will be made to these bodies under the provisions of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act. Funding with respect to policing will be provided to local policing bodies under section 46(3) of the Police Act 1996 through the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2014/15.
- 1.8. Before making this Report, the Secretary of State consulted such representatives of local government as appeared to him to be appropriate before making the determination specified in this Report and notified such

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 7B was inserted by Schedule 1 to the Local Government Finance Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”).

<sup>2</sup> Section 78 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Act, by paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 to the 2003 Act and by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 of the 2012 Act.

<sup>3</sup> Local policing bodies comprise the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, police and crime commissioners and the Common Council of the City of London.

representatives of local government as he thought fit of the general nature of the basis of calculation of the tariffs and top-ups.

## 2 Central and Local Share

2.1. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act<sup>1</sup>, the Secretary of State hereby determines that in relation to each billing authority<sup>2</sup> in England:

- their central share for 2015/2016 will be 50%;
- their local share for 2015/2016 will be 50%.

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 7B was inserted by Schedule 1 to the 2012 Act.

<sup>2</sup> Each of the following is a billing authority:

- (i) a district council;
- (ii) a London borough council;
- (iii) the Common Council of the City of London;
- (iv) the Council of the Isles of Scilly; and
- (v) a county council which has the functions of a district council.

### 3 Revenue Support Grant

- 3.1. Pursuant to section 78(3)(a) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the amount of Revenue Support Grant for the financial year 2015/2016 is £9,257,078,899.
- 3.2. Pursuant to section 78(3)(aa) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State proposes to pay grant to receiving authorities.
- 3.3. Pursuant to section 78(3)(b) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the amount of the grant he proposes to pay to receiving authorities is £9,233,280,899. A receiving authority is any billing authority or major precepting authority<sup>1</sup>.
- 3.4. Pursuant to section 78(3)(ba) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State proposes to pay grant to the specified body shown in Annex A.
- 3.5. Pursuant to section 78(3)(c) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines as the amount of the grant he proposes to pay to the specified body the amount shown against its name in Annex A. Specified bodies are bodies which provide services for local authorities and are specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 76(4) of the 1988 Act or similar provisions in earlier legislation. There is currently only one such body.

**NOTE**

The amounts of Revenue Support Grant are indicative. They do not include the reduction for the Carbon Reduction Scheme, and the final amounts will therefore be lower than these.

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<sup>1</sup> Each of the following is a major precepting authority:

- (i) a county council which does not have the functions of a district council;
- (ii) police and crime commissioners in England whose police area is listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (iii) a metropolitan county fire and rescue authority;
- (iv) a fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies (a "combined fire and rescue authority"); and
- (v) the Greater London Authority.

## 4 Distribution of Baseline Funding Level

4.1. The 2014/2015 Baseline Funding Level comprises the following elements:

upper-tier funding,  
lower-tier funding,  
fire and rescue funding,  
council tax freeze compensation,  
early intervention funding,  
Greater London Authority general funding,  
Greater London Authority transport funding<sup>1</sup>,  
homelessness prevention funding,  
lead local flood authorities funding,  
learning disability and health reform funding and  
London bus services operators funding.

4.2. The Secretary of State proposes to uprate the 2014/2015 Baseline Funding Level for each local authority by the increase in the Small Business Rates Multiplier.

4.3. The Baseline Funding Level is calculated as follows.

For the following classes of authority:

district councils,  
county councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London,  
Greater London Authority,  
metropolitan county fire and rescue authorities,  
combined fire and rescue authorities:

$$\frac{I \times J}{K}$$

where:

**I** is the share of the Baseline Funding calculated in accordance with section 9 of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;

**J** is the value of the 2015/2016 Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier, which is 0.484

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<sup>1</sup> A Transport Grant payable directly to the Greater London Authority for the purposes of Transport for London, as provided for under Section 101 of the Greater London Authority Act, will continue to be paid by the Department for Transport.



## Section 4: Distribution of Baseline Funding Level

**K** is the value of the 2014/2015 Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier, which is 0.471

**NOTE**

The Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier is an estimate based on the OBR estimate of RPI. This will be updated when the actual 2015/2016 figure is known.

## **5 Distribution of Revenue Support Grant**

- 5.1. This section specifies the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to distribute among receiving authorities the amount of Revenue Support Grant which under Part V of the 1988 Act falls to be paid to such authorities for the year 2015/2016.
- 5.2. The amount of Revenue Support Grant for police and crime commissioners, the Greater London Authority in respect of police services and for the Common Council for the City of London with respect to police services is zero. Funding with respect to policing will be provided under section 46(3) of the Police Act 1996 through the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2014/15 to local policing bodies.
- 5.3. The Secretary of State proposes to scale the individual elements of the 2014/2015 Revenue Support Grant allocation, with the exception of Part M, for each authority proportionate to their own control total.
- 5.4. In addition, the Secretary of State intends to add a new element this year: Part Part M - Carbon Reduction Scheme.
- 5.5. The share of Revenue Support Grant for each receiving authority is the sum of the amounts calculated in accordance with Parts A to M of this section, if any, for that authority.

### **Part A – Isles of Scilly**

- 5.6. From the amount of Revenue Support Grant which the Secretary of State proposes to pay to receiving authorities, he proposes to pay £1,909,887 with respect to the Isles of Scilly.

### **Part B – Upper-Tier Funding**

- 5.7. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to the authorities for support of upper-tier services.
- 5.8. The Upper-Tier Funding element is provided for the following classes of authority:
- non-metropolitan district councils which have functions of county councils,
  - county councils,
  - London borough councils,
  - Common Council of the City of London,
  - metropolitan district councils.
- 5.9. The Upper-Tier Funding element of Revenue Support Grant for 2015/2016 is calculated as follows.

- (a) The 2014/2015 Upper-Tier Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part B of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £5,273,760,508

## **Part C – Lower-Tier Funding**

5.10. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to the authorities for support of lower-tier services.

5.11. The Lower-Tier Funding element is provided for the following classes of authority:

district councils,  
county councils which have the functions of district councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London.

5.12. The Lower-Tier Funding element of Revenue Support Grant for 2015/2016 is calculated as follows.

- (a) The 2014/2015 Lower-Tier Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part C of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £1,266,369,883

## **Part D – Fire and Rescue Funding**

5.13. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to the authorities for support of fire and rescue services.

5.14. The Fire and Rescue Funding element is provided for the following classes of authority:

county councils which have responsibility for the provision of fire services,  
Greater London Authority,  
metropolitan county fire and rescue authorities,  
combined fire and rescue authorities.

5.15. The Fire and Rescue Funding element of Revenue Support Grant for 2015/2016 is calculated as follows.

- (a) The 2014/2015 Fire and Rescue Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part D of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £526,149,703

## **Part E – Council Tax Freeze Compensation Part 1**

5.16. This part of the calculation is relevant to the compensation for the council tax income foregone by local authorities during 2011/2012 due to them setting their basic amount of council tax for 2011/2012 at a level which meets the terms of the 2011/2012 Council Tax Freeze Scheme.

5.17. A Council Tax Freeze Compensation Part 1 element is provided for the following classes of authority:

district councils,  
county councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London,  
Greater London Authority,  
metropolitan county fire and rescue authorities,  
combined fire and rescue authorities:

5.18. The Council Tax Freeze Compensation Part 1 element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Council Tax Freeze Part 1 element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part E of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £342,170,317

## **Part F – Early Intervention Funding**

5.19. This part of the calculation is relevant to the costs of providing early intervention to secure better results and life chances for children, young people and families.

5.20. An Early Intervention Funding element is calculated for the following classes of authority:

non-metropolitan district councils which have functions of county councils,  
county councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London,  
metropolitan district councils:

5.21. The Early Intervention Funding element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Early Intervention Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part F of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £726,591,897

## **Part G – GLA General Funding**

5.22. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to the Greater London Authority for the purposes of the authority and its functional bodies.

5.23. The GLA General Funding element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 GLA General Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part G of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £21,580,834

## **Part H – Homelessness Prevention Funding**

5.24. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to authorities to help them and the voluntary sector prevent homelessness.

5.25. A Homelessness Prevention Funding element is provided for the following classes of authority:

district councils

county councils which have functions of district councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London.

5.26. The Homelessness Prevention Funding element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Homelessness Prevention Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part H of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £45,294,790

## **Part I – Lead Local Flood Authority Funding**

5.27. This part of the calculation relates to grant paid to lead local flood authorities to take the lead role in managing local flood risk as set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations.

5.28. A Lead Local Flood Authority Funding element is calculated for the following classes of authority:

non-metropolitan district councils which have functions of county councils,  
county councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London,  
metropolitan district councils.

5.29. The Lead Local Flood Authority Funding element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Lead Local Flood Authority Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part I of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £11,889,881

## **Part J – Learning Disability and Health Reform Funding**

- 5.30. The Learning Disability and Health Reform component is relevant to the cost of commissioning services for people with a learning disability, to the cost of assessing applicant's eligibility for a blue badge, to the cost of assessing and authorising Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in hospitals, and to the cost of setting up local Healthwatch.
- 5.31. A Learning Disability and Health Reform Funding element is calculated for the following classes of authority:
- non-metropolitan district councils which have functions of county councils,
  - county councils,
  - London borough councils,
  - Common Council of the City of London,
  - metropolitan district councils.
- 5.32. The Learning Disability and Health Reform Funding element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.
- (a) the 2014/2015 Learning Disability and Health Reform Funding element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part J of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
  - (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
  - (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £834,431,462

## **Part K – Efficiency Support for Services in Sparse Areas**

- 5.33. The Efficiency Support for Services in Sparse Areas element is to provide support to local authorities in sparse areas to help transform their services.
- 5.34. A Efficiency Support for Services in Sparse Areas element is calculated for the following classes of authority:
- district councils,
  - county councils,
  - London borough councils,
  - Common Council of the City of London,
  - Greater London Authority,
  - metropolitan county fire and rescue authorities,
  - combined fire and rescue authorities,
  - Council of the Isles of Scilly.

5.35. The Efficiency Support for Services in Sparse Areas element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Efficiency Support for Services in Sparse Areas element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part K of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £9,500,000

## **Part L – Council Tax Freeze Compensation Part 2**

5.36. This part of the calculation is relevant to the compensation for the council tax income foregone by local authorities during 2013/2014 due to them setting their basic amount of council tax for 2013/2014 at a level which meets the terms of the 2013/2014 Council Tax Freeze Scheme.

5.37. A Council Tax Freeze Compensation element is provided for the following classes of authority:

district councils,  
county councils,  
London borough councils,  
Common Council of the City of London,  
Greater London Authority,  
metropolitan county fire and rescue authorities,  
combined fire and rescue authorities:

5.38. The Council Tax Freeze Compensation Part 2 element of the 2015/2016 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows.

- (a) the 2014/2015 Council Tax Freeze Part 2 element, calculated in accordance with Section 5, part L of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015;
- (b) The sum for all authorities of the result of (a);
- (c) The result of (a) divided by the result of (b) multiplied by £173,963,370

## **Part M – Carbon Reduction Scheme**

5.39. As part of Government's simplification of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme all state funded English schools will be withdrawn from participating in Phase 2 of the scheme.



## Section 5: Distribution of Revenue Support Grant

- 5.40. This part of the calculation is relevant to the reimbursal of the loss of tax revenue from those local authorities which are now too small to meet the required threshold for participation in the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme due to the removal of their schools.
- 5.41. A Carbon Reduction Scheme element is provided for the following classes of authority:
- non-metropolitan district councils which have functions of county councils,
  - county councils,
  - London borough councils,
  - Common Council of the City of London,
  - metropolitan district councils.
- 5.42. The Carbon Reduction Scheme element of the 2014/2015 Revenue Support Grant is calculated as follows:

**Note:**

To help determine the level of reduction for each local authority the Environment Agency have written to request that existing Phase 1 English local authority Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme participants provide, by 30 November 2013, supplementary information for their 2012/2013 annual report.

This will then allow the Department for Energy and Climate Change to provide by April 2014 the required Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme emissions data so that the necessary adjustments can be made to the 2015/2016 Local Government Finance Settlement.

## 6 Tariff and Top-up Amounts

- 6.1. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act, this section specifies the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to calculate –
- which relevant authorities are to make payments (“tariffs”) under Part 5 of Schedule 7B to the Act;
  - which relevant authorities are to receive payments (“top-ups”) under Part 5 of Schedule 7B to the Act; and
  - the amount of each such payment.
- 6.2. The Secretary of State proposes to calculate the tariffs and top-ups for each local authority by up-rating the tariffs for 2014/2015 (as set out in the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015) by the Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier.
- 6.3. The tariff and top up amount for 2015/2016 will be calculated as:

$$\frac{I \times J}{K}$$

where:

- I** is the tariff or top up amount for the authority for 2014/2015 (see section 10 of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015);
- J** is the value of the 2015/2016 Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier, which is 0.484.
- K** is the value of the 2014/2015 Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier, which is 0.471

- 6.4. For pools of authorities either first designated for 2015/2016 or continuing on from 2014/2015 see section 7 of this Report.

## 7 Pooling

- 7.1. Part 9 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act provides that authorities can come together to form pools for the purposes of certain provisions of the Schedule. The Secretary of State has designated the following pools for 2015/2016. The pools specified will be treated as a single authority for tariff and top up purposes.
- 7.2. For pools designated for 2015/2016, a single tariff or top-up figure for the pool will be calculated in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2014/2015 and Section 6 of this Report. This is equal to the sum of all the tariffs and top-ups of the relevant authorities in the pool, had they been treated separately.

Designated pool	Lead Local Authority	Local authorities within the pool
Bracknell Forest & West Berkshire	Bracknell Forest	Bracknell Forest Borough Council West Berkshire District Council
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury Vale District Council	Buckinghamshire County Council Aylesbury Vale District Council
Coventry & Warwickshire Business Rates Pool	Warwickshire County Council	Coventry City Council North Warwickshire Borough Council Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council Rugby Borough Council Stratford-upon-Avon District Council Warwick District Council Warwickshire County Council
Cumbria Business Rates Pool	Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council Allerdale Borough Council Barrow Borough Council Carlisle City Council Eden District Council South Lakeland District Council
Devon Business Rates Pool	Plymouth City Council	Devon County Council East Devon District Council Exeter City Council Mid Devon District Council North Devon District Council Plymouth City Council South Hams District Council Teignbridge District Council Torbay District Council Torridge District Council West Devon Borough Council

<b>Designated pool</b>	<b>Lead Local Authority</b>	<b>Local authorities within the pool</b>
East London / South Essex Business Rates Pool	Thurrock Borough Council	Thurrock Borough Council Basildon Borough Council London Borough of Havering London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
Essex Region Business Rates Pool	Essex County Council	Braintree District Council Castle Point Borough Council Chelmsford City Council Colchester Borough Council Epping Forest District Council Essex County Council Essex Fire Authority Harlow Council Rochford District Council Tendring District Council
Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool	Stroud District Council	Cheltenham Borough Council Cotswold District Council Forest of Dean District Council Gloucester City Council Gloucestershire County Council Stroud District Council, Tewksbury Borough Council
Greater Birmingham & Solihull Pool	Birmingham City Council	Birmingham City Council Bromsgrove District Council Cannock Chase District Council East Staffordshire Borough Council Lichfield District Council Redditch Borough Council Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Tamworth Borough Council
Greater Manchester & Cheshire East	Manchester City Council	Manchester City Council Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council Bury Council Oldham Council Rochdale Borough Council Salford City Council Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council Trafford Council Wigan Council Cheshire East Council

<b>Designated pool</b>	<b>Lead Local Authority</b>	<b>Local authorities within the pool</b>
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County Council	Hertfordshire County Council, Broxbourne Borough Council Dacorum Borough Council Hertsmere Borough Council Stevenage Borough Council
Kent Business Rates Pool	Maidstone Borough Council	Kent County Council Maidstone Borough Council
Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool	Leeds City Council	Bradford City Council Calderdale Council Harrogate Borough Council Kirklees Council Leeds City Council Wakefield Council City of York Council
Leicester & Leicestershire Business Rates Pool	Leicestershire County Council	Blaby District Council Charnwood Borough Council Harborough District Council Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Fire Authority Leicester City Council Leicestershire County Council Melton Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool	North Kesteven District Council	Lincolnshire County Council North Kesteven District Council South Kesteven District Council East Lindsey District Council Lincoln City Council Boston Borough Council
Mid Merseyside	Warrington Borough Council	Warrington Borough Council Halton Borough Council St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Norfolk Business Rates Pool	Norfolk County Council	Breckland District Council Broadland District Council Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council Norfolk County Council North Norfolk District Council South Norfolk District Council

<b>Designated pool</b>	<b>Lead Local Authority</b>	<b>Local authorities within the pool</b>
North Oxfordshire Pool	Cherwell District Council	Cherwell District Council West Oxfordshire District Council Oxfordshire County Council
North Yorkshire	Scarborough Borough Council	North Yorkshire County Council Craven District Council Hambleton District Council Richmondshire District Council Ryedale District Council Scarborough Borough Council
Northamptonshire Business Rates Pool	Kettering Borough Council	Corby Borough Council Daventry District Council East Northamptonshire Council Kettering Borough Council Northampton Borough Council Northamptonshire County Council Borough Council of Wellingborough
Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool	Nottinghamshire County Council	Ashfield District Council Mansfield District Council Broxtowe Borough Council Bassetlaw District Council Gedling Borough Council Newark and Sherwood District Council Nottinghamshire County Council Rushcliffe Borough Council
Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Business Rates Pool	Staffordshire County Council	Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Stafford Borough Council Staffordshire County Council Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Stoke-on-Trent City Council Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority South Staffordshire District Council

Designated pool	Lead Local Authority	Local authorities within the pool
Suffolk Business Rates Pool	Suffolk County Council	Babergh District Council Forest Heath District Council Ipswich Borough Council Mid-Suffolk District Council St Edmundsbury District Council Suffolk Coastal District Council Suffolk County Council Waveney District Council
Worcestershire Business Rates Pool	Worcestershire County Council	Malvern Hills District Council Worcester City Council Worcestershire County Council Wychavon District Council Wyre Forest District Council

**NOTE**

The current draft shows the designated pools at the time of the 2014/2015 Provisional Settlement.

The final version of this document will reflect the pools that have been designated for 2015/2016.

## **8 Credit to the Levy Account**

- 8.1. The Secretary of State has decided to credit the Levy Account in respect to the 2015/2016 financial year with £50 million.



## 9 Conclusion

- 9.1. This Report is made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 5 of Schedule 7B to the Local Government Finance Act 1988. It is laid before the House of Commons in accordance with that section.
- 9.2. The financial year for which the Report is to operate is that beginning on 1 April 2015. This Report may be amended by a report made under section 84A of the 1988 Act<sup>1</sup> or paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 of Schedule 7B to the 1988 Act<sup>2</sup>.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

Brandon Lewis  
*Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government*  
nn January 2015 *Department of Communities and Local Government*

The consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the making of the determinations specified in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 of this Report.

[name]  
[name]  
*Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury*  
nn January 2014

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<sup>1</sup> Section 84A was inserted by paragraph 15 of Schedule 10 to the 1992 Act and was amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Finance Act 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Schedule 7B was inserted by Schedule 1 to the Local Government Finance Act 2012.

## Annex A

# Amount of Grant for Specified Body

The Secretary of State has determined as the amount of Revenue Support Grant which he proposes to pay to the specified body the amount shown against its name below:

	£
Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government	23,798,000