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By Email

Dear Roly,

REVISED ALLOCATION LETTER FOR 2013/14 – 2015/16

I am writing to inform you of a change to British Library's allocations for the financial years 2013/14 - 2015/16. This letter replaces any previous notifications.

Following the Autumn Statement announcement on 5 December a budget reduction of around 1% has been applied to your allocation baselines for 2014/15 and 2015/16 as per previous communications. Ministers are clear that spending on frontline services should continue to be prioritised, and that you should actively identify and implement the most cost-effective ways of delivering public services. We have corresponded previously on the need to set and maintain contingency plans to help you cope with budgetary reductions within and between Spending Review periods.

Any changes that have previously been agreed to budgets since your last allocation letter have also been reflected in your revised allocation figures below. The allocations do not currently reflect additional reserve access granted under the museums freedoms pilot and updates to depreciation estimates. We will issue revised allocation letters reflecting the museums freedoms changes when we have received your returns, requested as part of the Supplementary Estimate process, which will provide us with the information to do this.

The amended control totals against which net expenditure will be monitored and the grant in aid that the Department will pay are as set out in the table below. The control totals are shown in the shaded columns and incorporate any other changes that have previously been agreed with you.

£m	Resource Budget						
	Admin (near-cash)	Admin depreciation	Total Admin (A+B)	Programme (near-cash)	Programme depreciation	Near-Cash Resource (DEL) (excluding ring fenced) (A+D)	Total Resource (DEL) Budget (C+D+E)
Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2013-14	8.870	1.816	10.686	86.527	16.886	95.397	114.099
2014-15	8.758	1.827	10.585	84.294	17.391	93.052	112.270
2015-16	8.685	1.827	10.512	81.475	17.391	90.160	109.378

£m	Capital Budget				Grant in Aid (A+D+H+I)
	Core capital	Major Projects	Reserves	Total Capital (DEL) Budget (H+I+J)	
Year	H	I	J	K	L
2013-14	3.189	(6.092)	0.500	(2.403)	92.494
2014-15	3.331	0.401	1.010	4.742	96.784
2015-16	3.221	0.000	0.000	3.221	93.381

Guidance on the budgeting rules within which you are expected to operate has previously been circulated and can be found in the Treasury's Consolidated Budgeting Guidance and in the Museums Freedoms Guidance.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, or would like to discuss your contingency plans, then please get in touch with your usual relationship manager in the finance team.

Yours sincerely,



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