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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit managers and staff in England, Scotland and Wales. Officers preparing subsidy claims and estimates
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	Indicative 2018/19 Housing Benefit administration subsidy arrangements for English, Scottish and Welsh local authorities

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Indicative 2018/19 Housing Benefit administration subsidy arrangements for English, Scottish and Welsh local authorities

Introduction

1. This circular contains details of the distribution of the indicative 2018/19 Housing Benefit (HB) administration subsidy.
2. Normally, by this time of the year, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is in a position to issue the actual allocation distribution, however, the recent Autumn Budget and Universal Credit announcements impact the 2018/19 HB administration subsidy allocations.
3. The department understands the importance of providing local authorities (LAs) with funding allocations as early as possible to allow LAs to complete their fiscal planning processes. As a result DWP is issuing indicative 2018/19 HB administration subsidy allocations to support LAs in their planning.

Background

4. DWP is responsible for allocating the HB element to LAs. The Department for Communities and Local Government and the Devolved Administrations are responsible for distributing the remaining Local Council Tax Reduction element to their respective LAs.
5. The indicative 2018/19 HB administration subsidy allocation by country is:
 - English LAs - £182.24 million
 - Scottish LAs - £20.78 million
 - Welsh LAs - £10.53 million
6. The annexes detail the indicative 2018/19 HB administration subsidy allocations. These figures are subject to change and will be adjusted to take account of the recent announcements.

Next steps

7. The DWP is currently undertaking further work to impact the recent Autumn Budget and Universal Credit announcements. As a result, it will take time for the department to review and sign off the revised allocations. It is anticipated revised allocations will be issued towards the end of January 2018.
8. Once finalised, a further subsidy circular will be issued to communicate the revised allocations.

Indicative 2018/19 LA allocations - England

These funding allocations are subject to change.

LA names	Indicative 2018/19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Adur	165,425
Allerdale	257,064
Amber Valley	316,882
Arun	430,214
Ashfield	411,321
Ashford	326,093
Aylesbury Vale	403,512
Babergh	184,669
Barking	1,005,401
Barnet	1,407,399
Barnsley	834,468
Barrow-in-Furness	209,764
Basildon	599,819
Basingstoke and Deane	403,527
Bassetlaw	321,351
Bath and N E Somerset	405,935
Bedford	477,601
Bexley	692,583
Birmingham	4,819,413
Blaby	163,573
Blackburn with Darwen	513,994
Blackpool	809,549
Bolsover	250,554
Bolton	1,057,058
Boston	216,579
Bournemouth	709,679
Bracknell Forest	283,024
Bradford	1,873,953
Braintree	372,736
Breckland	340,768
Brent	1,802,327
Brentwood	138,126
Brighton and Hove	1,097,476
Bristol	1,719,274
Broadland	220,393

Bromley	864,946
Bromsgrove	162,718
Broxbourne	279,786
Broxtowe	257,632
Burnley	346,542
Bury	565,695
Calderdale	657,503
Cambridge	339,223
Camden	1,465,988
Cannock Chase	291,360
Canterbury	399,408
Carlisle	304,561
Castle Point	208,805
Central Bedfordshire	569,398
Charnwood	337,412
Chelmsford	384,885
Cheltenham	285,441
Cherwell	322,797
Cheshire East	766,049
Cheshire West and Chester	861,371
Chesterfield	390,672
Chichester	292,545
Chiltern	166,884
Chorley	252,699
Christchurch	120,850
City of London	61,799
Colchester	483,542
Copeland	198,973
Corby	245,746
Cornwall	1,732,838
Cotswold	179,935
Coventry	1,206,785
Craven	95,307
Crawley	425,088
Croydon	1,435,028
Dacorum	441,166
Darlington	402,938
Dartford	261,079
Daventry	137,150
Derby	870,594
Derbyshire Dales	138,656
Doncaster	1,064,775

Dover	352,520
Dudley	978,609
Durham	2,005,701
Ealing	1,514,641
East Cambridgeshire	186,759
East Devon	306,585
East Dorset	162,183
East Hampshire	222,171
East Hertfordshire	297,044
East Lindsey	478,557
East Northamptonshire	184,281
East Riding of Yorkshire	824,404
East Staffordshire	293,593
Eastbourne	399,740
Eastleigh	242,719
Eden	94,906
Elmbridge	279,531
Enfield	1,554,540
Epping Forest	318,159
Epsom and Ewell	146,925
Erewash	295,686
Exeter	378,080
Fareham	192,896
Fenland	305,655
Forest Heath	160,367
Forest of Dean	212,677
Fylde	195,874
Gateshead	879,365
Gedling	296,074
Gloucester	407,297
Gosport	299,280
Gravesham	310,261
Great Yarmouth	368,681
Greenwich	1,513,911
Guildford	292,908
Hackney	2,244,311
Halton	462,171
Hambleton	165,402
Hammersmith and Fulham	1,019,843
Harborough	116,359
Haringey	1,636,142
Harlow	358,542

Harrogate	272,018
Harrow	827,464
Hart	121,214
Hartlepool	418,646
Hastings	410,277
Havant	337,245
Havering	681,121
Herefordshire	475,388
Hertsmere	296,910
High Peak	235,591
Hillingdon	1,012,054
Hinckley and Bosworth	189,256
Horsham	242,012
Hounslow	921,953
Huntingdonshire	390,844
Hyndburn	312,201
Ipswich	524,111
Isle of Wight	486,456
Isles of Scilly	1,753
Islington	1,635,812
Kensington and Chelsea	876,622
Kettering	254,341
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	410,648
Kingston upon Hull	1,488,619
Kingston upon Thames	370,150
Kirklees	1,325,774
Knowsley	741,668
Lambeth	2,109,049
Lancaster	348,137
Leeds	2,931,260
Leicester	1,397,470
Lewes	272,312
Lewisham	1,936,645
Lichfield	189,744
Lincoln	387,889
Liverpool	2,644,103
Luton	737,721
Maidstone	398,387
Maldon	132,447
Malvern Hills	177,201
Manchester	2,635,616
Mansfield	379,289

Medway	850,002
Melton	86,990
Mendip	258,842
Merton	598,400
Mid Devon	188,509
Mid Suffolk	169,867
Mid Sussex	243,457
Middlesbrough	785,885
Milton Keynes	922,707
Mole Valley	176,675
New Forest	368,687
Newark and Sherwood	289,516
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,243,229
Newcastle-under-Lyme	338,695
Newham	1,690,903
North Devon	282,012
North Dorset	147,465
North East Derbyshire	275,990
North East Lincolnshire	627,233
North Hertfordshire	343,405
North Kesteven	219,762
North Lincolnshire	489,586
North Norfolk	282,658
North Somerset	573,760
North Tyneside	779,722
North Warwickshire	150,267
North West Leicestershire	206,554
Northampton	696,777
Northumberland	1,025,785
Norwich	685,296
Nottingham	1,537,175
Nuneaton and Bedworth	375,286
Oadby and Wigston	96,728
Oldham	830,861
Oxford	461,667
Pendle	319,130
Peterborough	720,361
Plymouth	1,002,912
Poole	380,619
Portsmouth	973,096
Preston	472,006
Purbeck	108,689

Reading	594,257
Redbridge	870,953
Redcar and Cleveland	588,606
Redditch	245,710
Reigate and Banstead	306,938
Ribble Valley	87,386
Richmond upon Thames	453,297
Richmondshire	79,597
Rochdale	868,812
Rochford	153,418
Rossendale	203,705
Rother	232,665
Rotherham	985,173
Rugby	215,947
Runnymede	189,268
Rushcliffe	177,953
Rushmoor	295,406
Rutland	58,969
Ryedale	105,565
Salford	1,185,614
Sandwell	1,425,914
Scarborough	404,742
Sedgemoor	285,607
Sefton	941,001
Selby	169,817
Sevenoaks	249,509
Sheffield	2,179,131
Shepway	377,342
Shropshire	702,904
Slough	540,074
Solihull	515,617
South Bucks	124,009
South Cambridgeshire	258,991
South Derbyshire	192,558
South Gloucestershire	634,853
South Hams	207,343
South Holland	210,559
South Kesteven	322,394
South Lakeland	183,944
South Norfolk	262,785
South Northamptonshire	128,546
South Oxfordshire	235,985

South Ribble	229,862
South Somerset	391,523
South Staffordshire	226,608
South Tyneside	792,983
Southampton	919,066
Southend on Sea	666,147
Southwark	1,792,776
Spelthorne	236,493
St Albans	265,507
St Edmundsbury	259,029
St Helens	669,619
Stafford	279,858
Staffordshire Moorlands	184,439
Stevenage	321,222
Stockport	756,876
Stockton on Tees	709,922
Stoke on Trent	1,045,886
Stratford-on-Avon	250,611
Stroud	242,955
Suffolk Coastal	265,552
Sunderland	1,336,318
Surrey Heath	155,292
Sutton	541,232
Swale	448,924
Swindon	531,575
Tameside	896,810
Tamworth	213,456
Tandridge	172,032
Taunton Deane	276,619
Teignbridge	341,720
Telford and Wrekin	663,052
Tendring	534,494
Test Valley	253,391
Tewkesbury	180,041
Thanet	606,078
Three Rivers	199,646
Thurrock	534,383
Tonbridge and Malling	289,137
Torbay	574,250
Torridge	184,942
Tower Hamlets	1,961,960
Trafford	598,479

Tunbridge Wells	264,657
Uttlesford	141,633
Vale of White Horse	231,769
Wakefield	1,307,511
Walsall	1,149,573
Waltham Forest	1,150,577
Wandsworth	1,425,728
Warrington	490,440
Warwick	289,637
Watford	294,220
Waveney	370,463
Waverley	249,001
Wealden	266,113
Wellingborough	243,830
Welwyn Hatfield	346,596
West Berkshire	336,118
West Devon	129,056
West Dorset	252,648
West Lancashire	284,601
West Lindsey	257,574
West Oxfordshire	206,832
West Somerset	109,218
Westminster	1,352,733
Weymouth and Portland	244,590
Wigan	1,038,083
Wiltshire	1,033,887
Winchester	241,764
Windsor and Maidenhead	293,056
Wirral	1,225,434
Woking	222,739
Wokingham	187,890
Wolverhampton	1,129,240
Worcester	304,546
Worthing	295,372
Wychavon	279,022
Wycombe	387,229
Wyre	331,278
Wyre Forest	323,527
York	411,440
Total	182,241,261

Indicative 2018/19 LA allocations – Scotland

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LA names	Indicative 2018/19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Aberdeen	685,142
Aberdeenshire	606,795
Angus	367,330
Argyll and Bute	313,805
Clackmannanshire	202,113
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	104,587
Dumfries and Galloway	600,066
Dundee	818,736
East Ayrshire	526,843
East Dunbartonshire	219,697
East Lothian	276,289
East Renfrewshire	173,058
Edinburgh	1,708,469
Falkirk	559,198
Fife	1,313,142
Glasgow	3,921,044
Highland	678,826
Inverclyde	381,536
Midlothian	265,456
Moray	255,741
North Ayrshire	667,585
North Lanarkshire	1,447,111
Orkney	62,479
Perth and Kinross	441,999
Renfrewshire	760,974
Scottish Borders	411,401
Shetland	49,988
South Ayrshire	440,101
South Lanarkshire	1,105,978
Stirling	233,648
West Dunbartonshire	530,797
West Lothian	652,792
Total	20,782,726

Indicative 2018/19 LA allocations – Wales

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LA names	Indicative 2018/19 DWP HB administration subsidy allocation (£)
Blaenau Gwent	328,832
Bridgend	488,916
Caerphilly	657,027
Cardiff	1,303,974
Carmarthenshire	564,096
Ceredigion	205,536
Conwy	377,464
Denbighshire	349,406
Flintshire	392,375
Gwynedd	370,234
Isle of Anglesey	216,879
Merthyr Tydfil	241,746
Monmouthshire	215,468
Neath Port Talbot	569,929
Newport	569,648
Pembrokeshire	389,454
Powys	340,864
Rhondda Cynon Taf	858,048
Swansea	890,064
Torfaen	376,571
Vale of Glamorgan	361,852
Wrexham	460,765
Total	10,529,148