



**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**  
Secretary of State

Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street Westminster London SW1P 3BT  
tel: 0870 0012345 ministers@education.gsi.gov.uk

Chief Executives  
Directors of Children's Services

20 October 2010

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that the exercise to identify savings to the 2010-11 play capital budget has been completed and I can now inform you of your local authority's revised allocation for this financial year (see table at Annex A). This will enable you to make final decisions locally about which play projects should proceed.

I know how important it is that children and families have safe, free local places to play; and the hard work that local authorities are doing to make this a reality. However, the play grant has had to make a contribution to the savings necessary to tackle the budget deficit.

In determining the level of savings, the aim has been to achieve a fair distribution across authorities so that the revised allocations cover expenditure already incurred, contractual commitments and, as affordable, give local authorities headroom to support projects valued locally that are not yet contractually committed.

Based on the information provided by local authorities, I have therefore decided to make a total saving of £20.8m to the original play capital budget of £75m. This means that every local authority will still receive a substantial play capital allocation for 2010-11, whilst ensuring that no contractual commitments have to be broken.

This has been achieved by applying a standard percentage reduction to each local authority's original allocation. The Department is also providing additional funding to cover the value of contractual commitments that local authorities have notified to my officials if these would otherwise exceed the revised allocation.

The Grant Determination Letter for this grant, giving the specific terms and conditions will follow shortly. As you know, the ring-fence attached to this grant has

been removed in order to give you more flexibility to manage your own local budgets.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for working so diligently with Departmental officials during this exercise.

With my good wsl,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Gove', written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL GOVE

**2010-11 Play capital grant allocations by local authority**

	<b>Authorities to which grant is to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of grant to be paid</b>
Wave 2 play pathfinders	Blackpool	£554,327.50
	Cornwall	£553,618.75
	Kirklees	£554,049.00
	Lambeth	£597,131.00
	Luton	£586,598.00
	Merton	£629,237.50
	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	£556,881.25
	Oxfordshire	£862,258.00
	Sandwell	£650,622.50
	Wigan	£632,049.38
	Wave 1 Playbuilders	Bolton
Brent		£276,295.63
Bury		£274,111.25
Calderdale		£274,357.50
Coventry		£275,007.50
Croydon		£275,826.88
Derby City		£274,118.13
Gateshead		£274,574.38
Halton		£273,610.63
Hampshire		£280,410.00
Islington		£287,883.75
Lancashire		£483,597.00
Leicester City		£283,875.63
Lewisham		£401,363.00
Lincolnshire		£413,176.00
Middlesbrough		£455,464.00
Northamptonshire		£443,700.00
Northumberland		£440,982.00
Nottinghamshire		£276,901.88
Peterborough		£274,043.75
Plymouth		£274,204.38
Reading		£303,657.00
Redbridge		£440,979.00
Sefton		£275,041.25
Slough		£439,010.00
Solihull		£275,117.50
Somerset	£276,011.88	

	Southampton	£274,441.88
	Southend-on-Sea	£439,377.00
	Staffordshire	£277,348.75
	Stockton-on-Tees	£439,545.00
	Suffolk	£443,229.00
	Tameside	£273,975.63
	Thurrock	£326,000.00
	Wandsworth	£275,610.00
	Worcestershire	£431,081.00
Wave 2 Playbuilders	Barking & Dagenham	£430,075.00
	Barnet	£373,886.88
	Barnsley	£373,796.25
	Bedford Borough	£333,400.00
	Bexley	£563,000.00
	Birmingham	£387,178.75
	Bournemouth	£371,725.00
	Bracknell Forest	£368,804.38
	Bradford	£379,831.88
	Brighton & Hove	£373,460.63
	Bromley	£371,946.88
	Buckinghamshire	£596,605.00
	Central Bedford	£436,410.00
	Cheshire East	£333,400.00
	Cheshire West & Chester	£333,400.00
	City of Kingston-upon-Hull	£377,511.25
	Cumbria	£576,846.00
	Darlington	£373,696.88
	Derbyshire	£376,947.50
	Devon	£576,000.00
	Doncaster	£376,115.63
	Dorset	£409,819.00
	Durham	£603,579.00
	Ealing	£600,354.00
	Essex	£614,958.00
	Gloucestershire	£510,611.00
	Greenwich	£377,611.88
	Hammersmith & Fulham	£527,259.00
	Haringey	£376,924.38
	Harrow	£595,428.00
	Hartlepool	£462,838.00
	Havering	£371,344.38
	Herefordshire	£387,200.00
	Hertfordshire	£381,070.00
	Hillingdon	£597,163.00

Hounslow	£373,948.13
Isle of Wight	£395,000.00
Kent	£386,331.25
Kingston-upon-Thames	£369,313.13
Leeds	£379,445.00
Leicestershire	£603,850.00
Liverpool	£377,422.50
Manchester	£380,318.13
Medway	£373,618.13
Milton Keynes	£372,135.00
Newham	£379,663.13
Norfolk	£377,716.25
North East Lincolnshire	£373,464.38
North Lincolnshire	£593,382.00
North Somerset	£369,845.00
North Yorkshire	£600,339.00
Oldham	£550,000.00
Poole	£370,140.00
Redcar & Cleveland	£373,885.00
Richmond-upon-Thames	£369,341.88
Salford	£374,346.25
Sheffield	£377,655.00
Shropshire	£371,183.75
South Gloucestershire	£591,574.00
South Tyneside	£374,095.00
Southwark	£379,361.25
St Helens	£372,406.25
Stockport	£593,836.00
Stoke-on-Trent	£375,150.00
Surrey	£379,931.25
Sutton	£592,940.00
Swindon	£403,519.00
Telford & Wrekin	£372,299.38
Torbay	£499,505.00
Trafford	£370,963.75
Wakefield	£374,441.88
Walsall	£374,538.13
Waltham Forest	£375,853.75
Warrington	£573,000.00
Warwickshire	£597,868.00
West Berkshire	£585,671.00
West Sussex	£377,249.38
Westminster	£377,757.50
Wiltshire	£372,235.00

Windsor & Maidenhead	£411,635.00
Wirral	£373,990.63
Wokingham	£367,103.13
York	£371,012.50
City of London	£62,500.00
Isles of Scilly	£80,000.00
Rutland	£62,500.00