



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

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Dear Chief Executive/ Chief Fire Officer/Police and Crime Commissioner,

COUNCIL TAX FREEZE GRANTS

I am writing to provide authorities which have met the criteria of the 2014-15 council tax freeze scheme with confirmation of the amount of their grant; to provide all authorities with details of how they will receive grants due from previous schemes; and to indicate the Government's intended approach to the 2015-16 freeze scheme.

The 2014-15 Scheme

Please find enclosed a copy of the "Council Tax Freeze Grant Determination 2014-15 No. 31/2335", which sets out the qualifying authorities and the amount of grant they will receive in 2014-15. The original is held at DCLG's principal offices at the below address.

The 2014-15 scheme was announced in the Spending Round in July 2013, and further details were set out in my letter to you of 18 January 2014. The grant will be made under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, and authorities will receive the funding in ten instalments of as near equal value as possible.

Payments will begin in April 2014 and conclude in January 2015 to mirror the profile of authorities' council tax receipts. The first payment will be made within the next few days, and subsequent payments will be made on the fifteenth day of each month, unless that day falls on a weekend or public holiday, in which case the payment will be made on the next working day.

You will be aware that the Government intends to provide the same level of funding in respect of the 2014-15 freeze scheme in 2015-16. I will write about this funding towards the end of 2014-15.

The 2011-12 and 2013-14 Freeze Schemes

Authorities which met the criteria of the 2011-12 freeze scheme will receive funding in respect of it in all financial years up to and including 2015-16. This funding has been rolled into the Start-Up Funding Assessment (SUFA). Authorities which met the criteria for

the 2013-14 scheme will receive funding in respect of it in all financial years up to and including 2015-16 through their Revenue Support Grant allocation.

The funding to Police and Crime Commissioners in respect of the 2011-12 and 2013-14 freeze schemes will be paid in all financial years up to and including 2015-16, and has been rolled into Police Grant..

The 2015-16 Freeze Scheme

The Spending Round confirmed that there will be a further Council Tax Freeze Scheme in 2015-16. I will write later in the year setting out full details of the qualifying criteria.

If you require any further information regarding the contents of this letter please do not hesitate to e-mail: jasna.begum@communities.gsi.gov.uk; or write to

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I am copying this letter to Chief Finance Officers, the Chair of the Local Government Association, the Chief Executive of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, and the President of the Chief Fire Officers' Association.

Kind regards,



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