

Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities

Consultation

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Section 1: Consultation procedure

Scope of the consultation

Topic of this consultation:	Review of the Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities.
Scope of this consultation:	This consultation sets out the proposed revised principles of the Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities.
Geographical scope:	This consultation is applicable to England only.
Impact Assessment:	The Secretary of State's proposals around amendments to the Bellwin Scheme should not adversely affect any particular group.

Basic Information

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Additional ways	As this is a largely technical issue this will be a written exercise.
to become	Copies of this document can be downloaded and responses
involved:	submitted via e-mail (in Word).
After the	Comments received on the proposals set out in the consultation
consultation:	will be collated and a formal response document published
	within three months of the closing date of the consultation.
Compliance with	This consultation document and consultation process
the Code of Practice on	adhere to the Government's consultation principles, these can be found at:
Consultation:	can be round at.
	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-
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Background

Getting to this stage:	The Bellwin scheme provides emergency financial assistance to local authorities under section 155 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. As part of the Governments response to the severe weather experienced in England between December 2013 and February 2014, Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced enhanced terms to the Bellwin Scheme and the intention to undertake a review of the Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities. A review group was set up to consider the need for long term changes to the scheme.
Previous engagement:	There has been engagement with the Local Government Association, and a number of local authorities have put forward their views on the scheme to Minsters and officials. The issue has been raised in Parliament.

Section 2: Introduction

- 2.1 In the period December 2013 to March 2014, England experienced wide spread flooding as a result of the severe weather experienced last winter.
- 2.2 On Thursday 6 February 2014, as a part of the Government's response to the situation, Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced enhanced terms for the Bellwin scheme to help local authorities in England meet the challenges associated with the recent severe weather.
- 2.3 A review group was set up to assess what permanent changes may be needed to the Bellwin Scheme in the light of the more frequent and challenging severe weather events.

Scope of the review

- 2.4 The review considered the existing terms of the scheme, including:
 - i) Thresholds
 - ii) Grant rate
 - iii) Eligible spending criteria
- 2.5 This consultation seeks views on the suggested revised principles following the review.
- 2.6 It is not concerned with funding for longer term recovery from emergencies. This will be considered separately.

Background

- 2.7 The Bellwin scheme provides emergency financial assistance to local authorities under section 155 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 2.8 The scheme is named after the former Environment Minister Lord Bellwin who introduced the scheme in 1983. The scheme provides reimbursement for local authority costs incurred on, or in connection with, immediate action to safeguard life and property or to prevent suffering or severe inconvenience as a result of a disaster or emergency in the local authority area. Although the scheme has been in use administratively since 1983 it gained its statutory basis in 1989.
- 2.9 Bellwin has traditionally been seen as a response to incidents in which bad weather caused threats to life and property beyond all previous local experience. Although the law does not rule out other types of incident, the expectation is that the scheme will continue to apply predominantly as a response to bad weather incidents that occur within the area that the scheme covers.
- 2.10 Where there is a significant emergency the Bellwin Scheme is activated by ministers. However, councils have a long-established duty to prepare cover for unforeseen events with insurance and reserves and they must expect to use these too.
- 2.11 The department issues guidance to local authorities each financial year, setting out the normal parameters of the Bellwin scheme. The main features are that the Government will reimburse authorities for 85% of eligible costs above a threshold (set at 0.2% of their annual revenue budget).
- 2.12 Under the Bellwin scheme eligible costs have typically included: costs of providing sandbags, evacuating people from dangerous structures and works to make them safe; evacuation centres; temporary re-housing; and initial repairs to and the clearing of debris from highways, pavements and footpaths. The following costs are generally excluded: costs which are normally insurable, whether by the authority or any other party; capital expenditure with a few minor exceptions, spelt out in the guidance; the normal wages and salaries of the authority's regular employees, whether diverted from their normal

work or otherwise, and the standing costs of the authority's plant and equipment; and the costs of longer-term recovery from the effects of the flooding.

2.13 A local authority is defined by statute and includes Counties, Districts, unitary authorities, Police and Crime Commissioners, Fire Authorities (including Combined Fire Authorities) and National Park Authorities.

Legislative framework

- 2.14 Bellwin schemes are established under section 155 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (s155). Where
 - a) an emergency or disaster occurs involving destruction of or danger to life and property, and
 - b) as a result, one or more local authorities incur expenditure on, or in connection with, the taking of immediate action (whether by the carrying out of works or otherwise) to safeguard life or property, or to prevent suffering or severe inconvenience, in their area or among its inhabitants.
- 2.15 Bellwin funding is designed to recompense authorities for the costs of emergency measures undertaken to safeguard life or property or to prevent further suffering and inconvenience locally, during exceptional circumstances.
- 2.16 Traditionally the Bellwin Scheme provides assistance to local authorities in response to an emergency caused by the weather, but relief may also be available in other circumstances. For example the explosion at the Buncefield fuel terminal in December 2005 and the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in 2001. Annex A provides further information on previous payments made through the Bellwin Scheme since 2000-01.
- 2.17 In the light of more frequent and challenging weather events the Government has committed to assessing what changes are needed to the operation of the Bellwin Scheme.

Section 3: Proposals

- 3.1 There have been a number of representations to ministers and officials in DCLG on the Bellwin scheme in recent months. Many have argued that the scheme should be more generous either in terms of the thresholds, or the categories of expenditure that are eligible for reimbursement, with suggestions that the scheme should be extended to cover the costs of repairs to infrastructure. It has also been suggested that there is not always clarity in the Local Government sector over what the scheme will pay for, and this is unhelpful if it inhibits swift action in an emergency.
- 3.2 Some councils have suggested that the Bellwin Scheme should be expanded so that there is a single scheme covering both emergency response and recovery. However, in recovery for major incidents there is more choice about priorities and spending which do not generally exist in an emergency when the priority is protecting people and their property.
- 3.3 For that reason, the Government intends to refocus the scheme on emergency response and not recovery.
- 3.4 The Government will separately consider the way longer term recovery and repairs to infrastructure are funded in due course.

Thresholds and grant rate

3.5 The Bellwin threshold has been used to determine the point at which central government support for a local emergency is given. The usual threshold requirement is 0.2% of a local authority's calculated annual revenue budget. This recognises that local authorities should consider holding sufficient reserves to enable them to finance a certain amount of unplanned expenditure.

- 3.6 The usual grant rate of 85% means that central Government funds the majority of expenditure but local authorities retain the incentive to restrain additional costs.
- 3.7 Some local authorities have argued that a flat percentage threshold is unfair on particular types of authority, in particular that unitaries are more harshly treated than district councils. It is accepted that whilst the thresholds are relative to a local authority's budget, it does make it more difficult for larger local authorities to claim Bellwin assistance.
- 3.8 For the 2013 -14 Winter Severe Weather Scheme, the Government has reduced the thresholds of all County Councils and Unitary authorities by excluding education budgets from the calculation and paying 100% of costs above this. The other recent change was to treat Upper Tier authorities with responsibility for Fire on an equal basis to local authorities with standalone Fire authorities.
- 3.9 The Government proposes to keep these new thresholds and publish the value of each council's provisional threshold each year alongside the finance settlement . This should provide clarity for local authorities of how much they will be expected contribute to emergency costs in advance. Annex B provides further information on the proposed thresholds by local authority.
- 3.10 This consultation is not concerned with funding for longer term recovery as this will be considered separately.

Consultation question 1

Do respondents favour retaining the new lower thresholds?

Consultation question 2

Do respondents agree with the Government paying 100% costs above the thresholds?

The eligible spending criteria

Eligible costs

- 3.11 Apart from the threshold requirement, the other main criticism of the Bellwin Scheme is the narrow definition of eligible costs.
- 3.12 The present legislation specifies that Bellwin grant must relate to expenditure on, or in connection with, the taking of immediate action following an emergency or disaster. The scheme was never intended to cover preventative measures or longer term costs arising from a disaster.
- 3.13 As a way of ensuring that the scheme truly covers emergency response, the Government proposes to shorten the time period for eligible spending to one month from when a particular incident is agreed to have moved from response to recovery.
- 3.14 Local authorities would still have a longer period after that of 3 months to add up the costs and make the claim for reimbursement. This should make eligible expenditure easier to define, in the grey area between emergency response, clear up, and longer term repair and replacement of infrastructure. Ministers would still choose when to activate the scheme, and have discretion on when the period ended to reflect the nature of the emergency in each incident and geographical area.
- 3.15 However, the Government is open to other detailed suggestions for achieving this.
- 3.16 The Government also intends to make the scheme more flexible by widening the type of costs that can be claimed so that immediately following an emergency councils can act as quickly as possible to deal with local problems.
- 3.17 In general, the Government will widen the range of activities covered within this time, to include activities such as;

- Permanent repairs for example, where a wall is unstable or dangerous, the cost of rebuilding the wall would be covered by the scheme.
- Urgent works to repair flood defences, instead of temporary fixes.
- 3.18 However, one area that causes confusion and concern for local authorities is repairs to roads and highways.
- 3.19 Bellwin will assist in helping fund associated and immediate costs including emergency clear-up operations on the highway (such as debris clearing), signage, street lightning and tree removals, and the like. To avoid confusion and the moral hazard of an emergency scheme being used to fund ongoing repairs to local highways, the scheme does not apply to repair works for damaged road surfaces. The Government recommends local highway authorities to continue to retain a contingency from the funding it receives from central Government to help repair roads that may have been damaged through weather incidents.
- 3.20 In relevant circumstances, the Bellwin Scheme will continue to cover some of the costs of Military assistance.

Consultation question 3

Does the respondent agree that to ensure that the scheme truly covers emergency response, the Government should widen the type of costs that can be claimed and shorten the time period for eligible spending to one month?

Consultation question 4

Does the respondent agree that the Government should widen the definition of eligible costs to include some forms of capital?

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Does the respondent have any other comments on the proposed changes?

Section 4: Summary of questions

Consultation question 1: Do respondents favour retaining the new lower thresholds?

Consultation question 2: Do respondents agree with the Government paying 100% costs above the thresholds?

Consultation question 3: Does the respondent agree that to ensure that the scheme truly covers emergency response, the Government should widen the type of costs that can be claimed and to shorten the time period for eligible spending to one month?

Consultation question 4: Do you agree that the Government should widen the definition of eligible costs to include some forms of capital?

Consultation question 5: Does the respondent have any other comments on the proposed changes?

Section 5: Next steps

Next steps

5.1 Your comments should be sent by 1 January 2015, if possible by email, to: Bellwin@communities.gsi.gov.uk (with attachments in MS Word only).

5.2 Comments received on the proposals set out in the consultation will be collated and a formal response document published within three months of the closing date of the consultation. This consultation adheres to the Government's consultation principles, on which more detail is set out in section one.

Annex A

Total payments each year made through the Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities since 2000-01.

Year	Total £	
2000-01	4,100,000	
2001-02		2000 floods
		and foot and
	25,800,000	mouth
2002- 03	63,138	
2003- 04	106,763	
2004- 05	447,565	
2005- 06	2,493,008	
2006- 07	738,999	
2007- 08	17,543,304	2007 floods
2008- 09	1,941,993	
2009-10	1,344,666	
2010-11	889,541	
2011-12	0	
2012-13	1,118,616	
2013-14	Est 25,000,000	Severe weather

Payments may not necessarily be in the same financial year as the incidents occurred. The amount claimed is net of threshold and grant rate. The 2000-01 and 2001-02 totals are approximations.

Annex B - Proposed New Thresholds

LOCAL AUTHORITY	THRESHOLD
Adur	18,648
Allerdale	26,056
Amber Valley	28,188
Arun	41,996
Ashfield	26,524
Ashford	26,400
Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	552,386
Avon Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	88,664
Aylesbury Vale	44,610
Babergh	23,318
Barking & Dagenham	308,210
Barnet	521,244
Barnsley	375,550
Barrow-in-Furness	19,784
Basildon	49,654
Basingstoke & Deane	23,904
Bassetlaw	26,700
Bath & North East Somerset	249,236
Bedford	273,376
Bedfordshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	57,108
Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	203,384
Bexley	322,790
Birmingham	1,952,144
Blaby	23,132
Blackburn with Darwen	254,242
Blackpool	280,920
Bolsover	22,138
Bolton	446,350
Boston	16,504
Bournemouth Product Forest	277,044
Bracknell Forest	191,662
Bradford	844,752
Braintree	32,774
Breckland	27,778
Brent	527,764
Brentwood	15,030
Brighton & Hove	450,758
Bristol	734,294
Broadland	25,966
Bromley	411,400
Bromsgrove	22,294
Broxbourne	16,882
Broxtowe	22,694
Buckinghamshire	643,046
Buckinghamshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	54,904
Burnley	27,778
Bury	278,304
Calderdale	316,860
Cambridge	30,982
Cambridgeshire	733,796
Cambridgeshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	58,414

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	261,242
Camden	531,964
Cannock Chase	24,482
Canterbury	36,202
Carlisle	26,506
Castle Point	22,738
Central Bedfordshire	388,958
Charnwood	33,918
Chelmsford	38,150
Cheltenham	25,546
Cherwell	33,778
Cheshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	85,680
Cheshire East	517,112
Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	346,006
Cheshire West and Chester	503,594
Chesterfield	22,878
Chichester	27,962
Chiltern	24,948
Chorley	24,190
Christchurch	10,758
City of London	207,938
Cleveland Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	56,942
Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	252,442
Colchester	39,300
Copeland	17,546
Corby	14,230
Cornwall	914,870
Cotswold	21,992
County Durham	869,610
Coventry	492,460
Craven	14,796
Crawley	26,106
Croydon	558,198
Cumbria	737,616
Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	203,128
Dacorum	
Darlington	26,086 167,078
Dartford	19,860
	7,734
Dartmoor National Park Authority	21,160
Daventry	
Derby City	373,370
Derbyshire Parkurbine Combined Fire and Passus Authority	964,356
Derbyshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	77,296
Derbyshire Dales	19,550
Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	329,418
Devon	1,027,596
Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	568,982
Devon and Somerset Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	151,590
Doncaster	485,306
Dorset	494,344
Dorset Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	59,694
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	241,462
Dover	30,618
Dudley	470,236
Durham Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	58,672

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	231,966
Ealing	525,422
East Cambridgeshire	20,726
East Devon	28,132
East Dorset	22,814
East Hampshire	26,788
East Hertfordshire	34,938
East Lindsey	37,508
East Northamptonshire	22,144
East Riding of Yorkshire	507,128
East Staffordshire	27,368
East Sussex	750,820
East Sussex Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	77,090
Eastbourne	27,570
Eastleigh	25,750
Eden	15,326
Elmbridge	34,610
Enfield	491,184
Epping Forest	34,072
Epsom & Ewell	16,066
Erewash	23,630
Essex	1,790,196
Essex Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	146,550
Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	533,910
Exeter	24,372
Exmoor National Park Authority	6,156
Fareham	16,464
Fenland	29,052
Forest Heath	15,242
Forest of Dean	22,334
Fylde	19,280
Gateshead	361,288
Gedling	23,878
Gloucester	29,150
Gloucestershire	766,240
Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	212,978
Gosport	19,658
Gravesham	23,086
Great Yarmouth	22,332
Greater London Authority	7,998,050
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority	207,500
Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	1,122,342
Greenwich	469,494
Guildford	30,002
Hackney	566,324
Halton	219,238
Hambleton	16,940
Hammersmith & Fulham	338,272
Hampshire	1,496,424
Hampshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	131,756
Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	613,492
Harborough	19,704
Haringey	497,986
Harlow	21,452
Harrogate	42,618
Tiairogate	42,010

Harrow	348,872
Hart	21,396
Hartlepool	175,396
Hastings	25,344
Havant	28,258
Havering	331,112
Hereford & Worcester Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	62,730
Herefordshire	302,466
Hertfordshire	1,442,968
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	370,268
Hertsmere	20,922
High Peak	20,862
Hillingdon	398,292
Hinckley & Bosworth	20,650
Horsham	28,928
Hounslow	365,378
Humberside Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	91,230
Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	349,068
Huntingdonshire	42,520
Hyndburn	22,532
Ipswich	39,562
Isle of Wight	265,656
Isles of Scilly	6,846
Islington	468,234
Kensington & Chelsea	349,100
Kent	1,829,114
Kent Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	141,042
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	557,314
Kettering	21,718
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	37,340
Kingston upon Hull	450,378
Kingston upon Thames	245,556
Kirklees	592,490
Knowsley	325,342
Lake District National Park Authority	10,636
Lambeth	615,572
Lancashire	1,520,934
Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	115,676
Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	533,178
Lancaster	30,288
Leeds	1,134,534
Leicester City	577,898
Leicestershire	702,506
Leicestershire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	71,048
Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	344,118
Lewes	28,430
Lewisham	536,126
Lichfield	21,568
Lincoln	25,826
Lincolnshire	906,474
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	220,504
Liverpool	962,192
Luton	295,536
Maidstone	40,806
Maldon	16,532

Malvern Hills	18,062
Manchester	914,130
Mansfield	24,304
Medway Towns	379,588
Melton	12,692
Mendip	28,368
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	128,712
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	636,660
Merton	307,376
Mid Devon	20,598
Mid Suffolk	23,810
Mid Sussex	32,378
Middlesbrough	261,200
Milton Keynes	370,054
Mole Valley	17,462
New Forest	46,658
New Forest National Park Authority	6,544
Newark & Sherwood	31,466
Newcastle upon Tyne	527,980
Newcastle-under-Lyme	27,366
Newham	552,534
Norfolk	1,245,534
Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	296,308
North Devon	24,858
North Dorset	16,458
North East Derbyshire	26,544
North East Lincolnshire	258,522
North Hertfordshire	31,562
North Kesteven	27,876
North Lincolnshire	256,044
North Norfolk	26,090
North Somerset	306,392
North Tyneside	336,790
North Warwickshire	17,382
North West Leicestershire	22,234
North York Moors National Park Authority	9,144
North Yorkshire	746,034
North Yorkshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	60,702
North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	278,158
Northampton	55,164
Northamptonshire	836,478
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	242,056
Northumberland National Park Authority	5,944
Northumberland	562,080
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	540,168
Norwich	36,816
Nottinghamshire County	1,008,524
Nottinghamshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	86,152
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	388,490
Nottingham City	554,462
Nuneaton & Bedworth	29,184
Oadby & Wigston	12,750
Oldham	399,334
Oxford	48,484
Oxfordshire	860,566

Peak District National Park Authority	16,018
Pendle	27,460
Peterborough	288,696
Plymouth	409,360
Poole	201,190
Portsmouth	310,742
Preston	41,080
Purbeck	13,122
Reading	253,584
Redbridge	383,656
Redcar & Cleveland	239,236
Redditch	18,918
Reigate & Banstead	32,670
Ribble Valley	12,720
Richmond upon Thames	313,406
Richmondshire	14,238
Rochdale	376,910
Rochford	21,930
Rossendale	17,736
Rother	24,102
Rotherham	421,996
Royal Berkshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	68,384
Rugby	23,548
Runnymede	17,024
Rushcliffe	23,364
Rushmoor	20,996
Rutland	61,390
Ryedale	14,918
Salford	450,914
Sandwell	564,526
Scarborough	36,232
Sedgemoor	28,484
Sefton	449,358
Selby	17,412
Sevenoaks	33,442
Sheffield	905,636
Shepway Shropshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	36,516 42,760
Shropshire Shropshire	458,396
Slough	210,412
Solihull	287,592
Somerset	652,468
South Bucks	15,258
South Cambridgeshire	30,646
South Derbyshire	19,806
South Downs National Park Authority	20,028
South Gloucestershire	395,254
South Hams	21,248
South Holland	23,716
South Kesteven	28,988
South Lakeland	28,110
South Norfolk	30,944
South Northamptonshire	23,242
South Oxfordshire	31,988
South Ribble	21,888

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South Staffordahira	39,202
South Staffordshire	19,872
South Tyneside	290,984
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	106,322
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	495,198
Southampton Southend-on-Sea	350,226
Southwark	265,726
	616,460
Spelthorne St Albans	21,306
	34,298
St Helene	25,720
St Helens	297,144
Stafford	26,784
Staffordshire	953,506
Staffordshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	83,004
Staffordshire Moorlands	22,240
Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	361,390
Stevenage	17,592
Stockport	439,834
Stockton-on-Tees	303,960
Stoke-on-Trent	427,736
Stratford-on-Avon	27,576
Stroud	30,276
Suffolk	944,326
Suffolk Coastal	30,108
Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	224,228
Sunderland	496,612
Surrey	1,498,542
Surrey Heath	21,984
Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	414,422
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	510,730
Sutton	269,156
Swale	33,624
Swindon	289,128
Tameside	361,982
Tamworth	15,882
Tandridge	20,892
Taunton Deane	21,772
Teignbridge	32,092
Telford and the Wrekin	263,834
Tendring	35,382
Test Valley	23,112
Tewkesbury	16,748
Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	755,988
Thanet	37,318
The Broads Authority	7,440
Three Rivers	21,786
Thurrock	239,098
Tonbridge & Malling	28,606
Torbay	232,314
Torridge	17,586
Tower Hamlets	583,584
Trafford	291,716
Tunbridge Wells	26,700
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	103,230

Uttlesford	20,564
Vale of White Horse	23,154
Wakefield	493,698
Walsall	467,774
Waltham Forest	433,256
Wandsworth	381,766
Warrington	274,590
Warwick	34,078
Warwickshire	707,434
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	182,536
Watford	25,602
Waveney	26,600
Waverley	30,144
Wealden	43,946
Wellingborough	16,680
Welwyn Hatfield	28,740
West Berkshire	233,156
West Devon	16,482
West Dorset	26,804
West Lancashire	26,508
West Lindsey	24,142
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	404,506
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	206,990
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	1,087,112
West Oxfordshire	23,774
West Somerset	10,864
West Sussex	1,040,308
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	170,330
West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	837,358
Westminster	434,160
Weymouth & Portland	17,668
Wigan	488,920
Wiltshire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority	49,720
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable	210,198
Wiltshire	676,428
Winchester Windows & Maidanhand	28,280
Windsor & Maidenhead	170,414
Wirral	544,512
Woking	23,938
Wokingham	228,382
Wolverhampton	469,386
Worcester	20,040
Wordships	668,786
Worthing	25,988
Wychavon	23,922
Wycombe	34,524
Wyre	27,394
Wyre Forest	24,376
York Verkehire Delea National Bark Authority	250,174
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	9,178