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Allocation of Housing Benefit reforms transitional funding in 2013/14

Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out the arrangements for distributing £10 million funding for 2013/14 to ease the transition of the Housing Benefit (HB) changes.

Background

- 2 On 30 November 2010, ministers announced administrative funding of up to £50 million across the parliament to support the transition to the Housing Benefit changes that were announced at the June 2010 Budget.
- 3 In 2011/12 we allocated £4 million through a bidding process, with 10 successful bids from local authorities (LAs). A further £15 million was allocated in 2012/13 to help with the transition to the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms and there will be up to £15 million available in 2014/15.

Distribution of funding for 2013/14

- 4 £10 million funding for 2013/14 will be allocated to LAs through a formula that reflects the estimated impact of the removal of the spare room subsidy (RSRS). The formula is based on the anticipated losses between the pre- and post-reform levels of HB received by social rented sector claimants in each LA area. The same formula was used to allocate Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) funds in respect of the RSRS ([Circular S1/2013](#)).
- 5 The distribution formula is intended, as far as possible, to target resources in 2013/14 according to need. When making our decision we consulted the Local Authority Associations (LAAs). We have not yet decided how next years' funding will be allocated, but it will reflect customer need and demand as welfare reforms continue to be implemented.
- 7 Appendix A shows each authority's allocation for 2013/14.

Intended use of funding

- 8 As previously, it is the Government's intention that these funds are used to provide targeted support to help to meet the housing needs of claimants affected by HB reforms. For example, this could involve preventing homelessness, supporting people who need to move, and giving money advice. They could also be used to provide additional DHPs, over and above the government contribution.
- 9 These funds are not intended to meet new administrative burdens arising from welfare reforms. The Department has separately provided LAs with

£24.1 million to support the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2013/14 ([Circular S4/2013](#)).

- 9 Examples of potential use of funding include:
- support for Housing Options or Homelessness teams to deal with customers affected by the reforms
 - obtaining services, such as money advice or help finding work, provided by partner organisations
 - pooling resources for joint initiatives between different LAs
 - lump sum costs associated with housing such as removal costs, rent in advance and deposits.
- 10 To support last year's funding we published findings of good practice from visiting LAs implementing the LHA reforms. Much of this is still relevant. www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/lha-reforms-good-practice.pdf
- 11 In addition, Sections 7-11 of the Chartered Institute for Housing's 'Making it fit' guide provide advice on best practice supporting people affected by RSRS. <http://www.cih.org/resources/PDF/Policy%20free%20download%20pdfs/Making%20it%20fit.pdf>
- 12 We intend to monitor how this funding is used, along with new arrangements for feedback on the use of DHP spending.

Payment of transitional funding

- 13 We will make a one-off payment to each LA. The payment will be made separately from the administration subsidy grant and will be paid during August 2013.

Annex A

Allocation of transitional funding in 2013/14

Local Authority name	Transitional funding allocation 2013/14
Aberdeen	36,446
Aberdeenshire	18,332
Adur	4,561
Allerdale	20,106
Amber Valley	11,694
Angus	12,204
Argyll and Bute	11,222
Arun	8,478
Ashfield	13,305
Ashford	9,152
Aylesbury Vale	12,635
Babergh	7,712
Barking & Dagenham	41,448
Barnet	43,712
Barnsley	48,300
Barrow in Furness	10,025
Basildon	30,125
Basingstoke and Deane	17,108
Bassetlaw	11,493
Bath & North East Somerset	18,614
Bedford	27,509
Bexley	23,841
Birmingham	263,296
Blaby	3,684
Blackburn with Darwen	36,358
Blackpool	22,066
Blaenau Gwent	16,654
Bolsover	7,014
Bolton	64,656
Boston	7,826
Bournemouth	17,090
Bracknell Forest	9,718
Bradford	104,452
Braintree	18,753
Breckland	14,722
Brent	86,081
Brentwood	6,921
Bridgend	25,358
Brighton and Hove	29,851
Bristol	71,147
Broadland	8,491
Bromley	40,707

Bromsgrove	7,627
Broxbourne	13,842
Broxtowe	7,570
Burnley	16,808
Bury	33,991
Caerphilly	38,026
Calderdale	39,164
Cambridge	21,667
Camden	70,637
Cannock Chase	12,009
Canterbury	10,094
Cardiff	101,119
Carlisle	21,644
Carmarthenshire	26,797
Castle Point	4,294
Central Bedfordshire	28,675
Ceredigion	7,185
Charnwood	13,564
Chelmsford	19,639
Cheltenham	12,026
Cherwell	9,010
Cheshire East	49,803
Cheshire West and Chester	56,006
Chesterfield	15,529
Chichester	8,753
Chiltern	5,344
Chorley	15,865
Christchurch	4,289
City of London	2,334
Clackmannanshire	12,391
Colchester	23,331
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	2,977
Conwy	14,308
Copeland	16,493
Corby	8,556
Cornwall	46,024
Cotswold	6,603
Coventry	61,102
Craven	4,934
Crawley	14,160
Croydon	56,397
Dacorum	21,684
Darlington	19,381
Dartford	7,822
Daventry	6,789
Denbighshire	12,320
Derby	39,878
Derbyshire Dales	4,985
Doncaster	55,255

Dover	8,077
Dudley	47,044
Dumfries and Galloway	21,713
Dundee	38,192
Durham	103,844
Ealing	58,775
East Ayrshire	22,804
East Cambridgeshire	8,572
East Devon	6,626
East Dorset	4,326
East Dunbartonshire	8,899
East Hampshire	7,032
East Hertfordshire	14,263
East Lindsey	11,521
East Lothian	11,626
East Northamptonshire	8,101
East Renfrewshire	6,773
East Riding of Yorkshire	28,531
East Staffordshire	11,062
Eastbourne	7,604
Eastleigh	8,034
Eden	5,920
Edinburgh	109,594
Elmbridge	7,974
Enfield	46,898
Epping Forest	14,182
Epsom and Ewell	4,216
Erewash	11,963
Exeter	14,617
Falkirk	24,543
Fareham	5,053
Fenland	11,115
Fife	67,277
Flintshire	20,224
Forest Heath	6,388
Forest of Dean	6,709
Fylde	6,069
Gateshead	54,874
Gedling	8,430
Glasgow	203,892
Gloucester	14,002
Gosport	7,439
Gravesham	8,809
Great Yarmouth	14,146
Greenwich	59,401
Guildford	9,969
Gwynedd	16,180
Hackney	98,972
Halton	28,512

Hambleton	10,990
Hammersmith and Fulham	57,931
Harborough	3,595
Haringey	71,994
Harlow	20,106
Harrogate	16,672
Harrow	23,481
Hart	3,239
Hartlepool	29,244
Hastings	9,738
Havant	8,370
Havering	20,758
Herefordshire	21,061
Hertsmere	16,637
High Peak	6,693
Highland	32,690
Hillingdon	35,840
Hinckley and Bosworth	6,525
Horsham	7,734
Hounslow	40,162
Huntingdonshire	17,309
Hyndburn	12,824
Inverclyde	18,953
Ipswich	25,761
Isle of Anglesey	8,821
Isle of Wight	11,624
Isles of Scilly	78
Islington	88,546
Kensington and Chelsea	45,666
Kettering	9,622
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	15,973
Kingston upon Hull	94,812
Kingston upon Thames	16,005
Kirklees	79,619
Knowsley	63,415
Lambeth	102,129
Lancaster	16,375
Leeds	190,380
Leicester	61,322
Lewes	5,254
Lewisham	69,082
Lichfield	10,253
Lincoln	14,758
Liverpool	172,818
Luton	28,700
Maidstone	12,086
Maldon	5,728
Malvern Hills	9,103
Manchester	203,519

Mansfield	13,890
Medway	22,226
Melton	3,309
Mendip	9,860
Merthyr Tydfil	13,886
Merton	23,722
Mid Devon	4,653
Mid Suffolk	5,322
Mid Sussex	7,787
Middlesbrough	53,421
Midlothian	15,249
Milton Keynes	25,368
Mole Valley	4,957
Monmouthshire	12,567
Moray	8,047
Neath Port Talbot	30,360
New Forest	10,513
Newark and Sherwood	11,100
Newcastle under Lyme	15,164
Newcastle upon Tyne	104,386
Newham	66,449
Newport	36,738
North Ayrshire	30,409
North Devon	6,159
North Dorset	5,665
North East Derbyshire	9,211
North East Lincolnshire	30,987
North Hertfordshire	18,577
North Kesteven	5,531
North Lanarkshire	63,335
North Lincolnshire	28,894
North Norfolk	9,650
North Somerset	15,131
North Tyneside	46,044
North Warwickshire	5,286
North West Leicestershire	7,912
Northampton	30,827
Northumberland	50,487
Norwich	37,132
Nottingham	72,121
Nuneaton and Bedworth	15,283
Oadby and Wigston	2,756
Oldham	51,033
Orkney	1,649
Oxford	18,387
Pembrokeshire	16,993
Pendle	10,713
Perth and Kinross	16,057
Peterborough	30,827

Plymouth	30,778
Poole	11,064
Portsmouth	29,500
Powys	15,917
Preston	32,164
Purbeck	3,265
Reading	17,255
Redbridge	23,253
Redcar and Cleveland	36,911
Redditch	12,922
Reigate and Banstead	9,688
Renfrewshire	35,738
Rhondda Cynon Taf	43,956
Ribble Valley	3,315
Richmond upon Thames	18,187
Richmondshire	4,654
Rochdale	55,016
Rochford	4,672
Rosendale	9,557
Rother	5,653
Rotherham	62,677
Rugby	11,476
Runnymede	4,683
Rushcliffe	6,223
Rushmoor	9,087
Rutland	2,053
Ryedale	7,016
Salford	84,388
Sandwell	65,592
Scarborough	18,613
Scottish Borders	14,324
Sedgemoor	9,649
Sefton	52,707
Selby	10,558
Sevenoaks	7,975
Sheffield	153,441
Shepway	7,048
Shetland	2,079
Shropshire	28,899
Slough	15,968
Solihull	26,006
South Ayrshire	18,499
South Bucks	3,609
South Cambridgeshire	12,124
South Derbyshire	5,498
South Gloucestershire	16,454
South Hams	6,086
South Holland	5,496
South Kesteven	10,975

South Lakeland	9,702
South Lanarkshire	50,711
South Norfolk	10,948
South Northamptonshire	4,011
South Oxfordshire	7,477
South Ribble	13,887
South Somerset	16,010
South Staffordshire	9,285
South Tyneside	48,706
Southampton	31,467
Southend on Sea	22,496
Southwark	99,068
Spelthorne	7,480
St Albans	14,900
St Edmundsbury	12,708
St Helens	54,746
Stafford	12,126
Staffordshire Moorlands	6,363
Stevenage	18,566
Stirling	12,123
Stockport	43,062
Stockton on Tees	40,463
Stoke on Trent	45,184
Stratford on Avon	11,697
Stroud	7,868
Suffolk Coastal	9,777
Sunderland	74,679
Surrey Heath	4,468
Sutton	20,950
Swale	10,888
Swansea	56,287
Swindon	23,936
Tameside	59,162
Tamworth	10,519
Tandridge	4,093
Taunton Deane	10,635
Teignbridge	7,321
Telford and Wrekin	28,532
Tendring	11,080
Test Valley	8,940
Tewkesbury	6,543
Thanet	9,688
Three Rivers	10,473
Thurrock	21,026
Tonbridge and Malling	10,347
Torbay	10,348
Torfaen	27,307
Torridge	3,370
Tower Hamlets	104,668

Trafford	43,270
Tunbridge Wells	9,321
Uttlesford	6,038
Vale of Glamorgan	16,802
Vale of White Horse	7,583
Wakefield	88,691
Walsall	55,236
Waltham Forest	50,421
Wandsworth	60,939
Warrington	36,936
Warwick	15,142
Watford	14,605
Waveney	12,491
Waverley	7,195
Wealden	5,402
Wellingborough	10,155
Welwyn Hatfield	20,172
West Berkshire	12,123
West Devon	3,520
West Dorset	9,222
West Dunbartonshire	29,455
West Lancashire	17,624
West Lindsey	6,576
West Lothian	29,730
West Oxfordshire	5,826
West Somerset	3,640
Westminster	66,930
Weymouth and Portland	7,366
Wigan	62,163
Wiltshire	42,544
Winchester	7,842
Windsor and Maidenhead	8,737
Wirral	64,409
Woking	6,292
Wokingham	4,880
Wolverhampton	57,148
Worcester	14,461
Worthing	7,139
Wrexham	26,661
Wychavon	12,681
Wycombe	12,685
Wyre	11,090
Wyre Forest	12,848
York	34,870
Total	£10,000,000