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Discretionary Housing Payments Government contribution for 2013/14

Introduction

- 1 This circular gives details of each local authority (LA)'s Government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) for 2013/14.

Background

- 2 The Department for Work and Pension (DWP)'s annual funding for DHP was £20m up until April 2011. To help LAs manage the impact of the Housing Benefit (HB) reforms announced in the June 2010 budget, Ministers agreed to increase DHP funding to £30 million in 2011/12 and to £60 million annually for 2012/13 and for the remainder of the Spending Review period. Since these announcements, further additional funding of £30m and £65m has been made available to LAs to deal with the impact of these welfare reforms - Social Sector Size Criteria and the Benefit Cap respectively. The total funding available for 2013/14 is £155m.

Distribution of the Government contribution and upper limit for 2013/14

- 3 Taking into account discussions DWP had with the Local Authority Associations (LAAs) about the distribution formula, it was agreed to target resources according to need. To achieve this aim, the methodology applies a different approach to the four component parts of the total DHP allocation for 2013/14; Original baseline before Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms; LHA reforms; Social Sector Size Criteria; and the Benefit Cap. The paragraphs below detail the methodology.
- 4 **Original baseline before LHA reforms (£20m):** In previous years, up until April 2011 the funding available was £20m, which was distributed based on the mid-point between each LAs spend for the latest year for which we had reliable data and its contribution for that year. So for example, if the LA had a contribution of £50,000 and spent £40,000, it would be allocated £45,000. And if it had spent £70,000 it would be allocated £60,000. However, in 2011/12, LAs were permitted to carry forward surplus funding to 2012/13. We realised that using 2011/12 figures in calculating the mid point would skew the figures for those LAs that carried forward any funding. For this reason it was agreed to distribute the £20m using the 2010/11 allocation and spend figures.

- 5 **LHA reforms (£40m):** This funding is allocated on the basis of each LAs share of total anticipated losses¹ experienced by HB claimants as a result of the reforms to LHA.
- 6 **Social Sector Size Criteria (£30m):** This funding is aimed specifically at two groups; disabled people who live in significantly adapted accommodation; and foster carers, including those who need to keep an extra room when they are in between fostering. The methodology used here is based on the regional impacts of forecasted losses as a result of this policy.
- 7 **Benefit Cap (£65m):** This funding is to provide short term support to those affected by the Benefit Cap. To ensure that those in rural areas are catered for, the methodology distributes 10% of this funding equally across all LAs (to ensure that those with lower numbers, but possible difficult supply side issues have access to funds) with the remaining 90% distributed based on anticipated volume of Benefit Cap cases as at April 2013 weighted according to the value of the cap amount.
- 8 Although the methodology applies different approaches to the funding of each policy area, DWP recognises that it is for LAs to apply discretion as to which claimants will receive payments. For this reason Appendix A only shows the overall total funding allocated to each authority for 2013/14, and the overall upper spending limit.
- 9 On 17 December 2012, DWP published its response to its consultation on the DHP guidance manual. This response stated that recording arrangements on how LAs use DHP to support those affected by the welfare reforms will be introduced. A further circular on the details of these arrangements will be issued in due course.

Queries

- 10 Even though the funding provides support for various HB policy changes, please ensure that any queries relating to the allocation of the Government contribution towards DHPs are sent, via email, to hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

¹Losses are calculated as the difference between what a claimant received pre reforms (i.e. the minimum of their contractual weekly rent or the median LHA rate) and what they would receive post reforms (i.e. the minimum of their contractual weekly rent, 30th percentile LHA rate, LHA cap or 30th percentile shared room rate if applicable).

Allocation of the £155m fund for Discretionary Housing Payments 2013/14

Local Authority	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Aberdeen	£226,785	£566,963
Aberdeenshire	£160,695	£401,738
Adur	£91,741	£229,353
Allerdale	£121,124	£302,810
Amber Valley	£174,225	£435,563
Angus	£130,802	£327,005
Argyll and Bute	£152,601	£381,503
Arun	£249,622	£624,055
Ashfield	£222,973	£557,433
Ashford	£170,625	£426,563
Aylesbury Vale	£180,088	£450,220
Babergh	£115,215	£288,038
Barking & Dagenham	£1,310,802	£3,277,005
Barnet	£1,998,661	£4,996,653
Barnsley	£364,513	£911,283
Barrow in Furness	£99,921	£249,803
Basildon	£405,844	£1,014,610
Basingstoke and Deane	£195,063	£487,658
Bassetlaw	£126,148	£315,370
Bath & North East Somerset	£243,479	£608,698
Bedford	£349,100	£872,750
Bexley	£533,858	£1,334,645
Birmingham	£3,770,701	£9,426,753
Blaby	£88,011	£220,028
Blackburn with Darwen	£376,643	£941,608
Blackpool	£693,562	£1,733,905
Blaenau Gwent	£160,251	£400,628
Bolsover	£92,187	£230,468
Bolton	£623,659	£1,559,148
Boston	£90,500	£226,250
Bournemouth	£502,652	£1,256,630
Bracknell Forest	£139,795	£349,488
Bradford	£1,176,314	£2,940,785
Braintree	£199,001	£497,503
Breckland	£197,748	£494,370
Brent	£4,815,410	£12,038,525
Brentwood	£100,955	£252,388
Bridgend	£279,100	£697,750
Brighton and Hove	£1,014,714	£2,536,785
Bristol	£1,137,227	£2,843,068
Broadland	£99,507	£248,768
Bromley	£700,174	£1,750,435
Bromsgrove	£90,358	£225,895

Local Authority	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Broxbourne	£230,976	£577,440
Broxtowe	£107,734	£269,335
Burnley	£202,307	£505,768
Bury	£324,003	£810,008
Caerphilly	£292,597	£731,493
Calderdale	£383,941	£959,853
Cambridge	£182,340	£455,850
Camden	£1,680,807	£4,202,018
Cannock Chase	£114,555	£286,388
Canterbury	£197,878	£494,695
Cardiff	£1,102,669	£2,756,673
Carlisle	£142,640	£356,600
Carmarthenshire	£280,840	£702,100
Castle Point	£155,005	£387,513
Central Bedfordshire	£280,944	£702,360
Ceredigion	£163,391	£408,478
Charnwood	£132,326	£330,815
Chelmsford	£230,903	£577,258
Cheltenham	£189,052	£472,630
Cherwell	£203,354	£508,385
Cheshire East	£451,401	£1,128,503
Cheshire West and Chester	£450,773	£1,126,933
Chesterfield	£169,828	£424,570
Chichester	£233,549	£583,873
Chiltern	£99,288	£248,220
Chorley	£126,621	£316,553
Christchurch	£81,952	£204,880
City of London	£36,373	£90,933
Clackmannanshire	£162,088	£405,220
Colchester	£448,524	£1,121,310
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£49,911	£124,778
Conwy	£242,700	£606,750
Copeland	£94,263	£235,658
Corby	£92,250	£230,625
Cornwall	£867,795	£2,169,488
Cotswold	£88,837	£222,093
Coventry	£798,643	£1,996,608
Craven	£62,717	£156,793
Crawley	£255,365	£638,413
Croydon	£1,791,425	£4,478,563
Dacorum	£256,222	£640,555
Darlington	£224,185	£560,463
Dartford	£154,767	£386,918
Daventry	£74,259	£185,648
Denbighshire	£217,194	£542,985
Derby	£560,754	£1,401,885
Derbyshire Dales	£69,705	£174,263
Doncaster	£518,953	£1,297,383
Dover	£227,343	£568,358

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Dudley	£494,398	£1,235,995
Dumfries and Galloway	£232,271	£580,678
Dundee	£311,904	£779,760
Durham	£883,089	£2,207,723
Ealing	£3,127,358	£7,818,395
East Ayrshire	£142,006	£355,015
East Cambridgeshire	£101,414	£253,535
East Devon	£176,239	£440,598
East Dorset	£98,435	£246,088
East Dunbartonshire	£102,051	£255,128
East Hampshire	£91,865	£229,663
East Hertfordshire	£162,055	£405,138
East Lindsey	£219,168	£547,920
East Lothian	£125,982	£314,955
East Northamptonshire	£85,490	£213,725
East Renfrewshire	£82,776	£206,940
East Riding of Yorkshire	£374,414	£936,035
East Staffordshire	£130,209	£325,523
Eastbourne	£256,602	£641,505
Eastleigh	£127,292	£318,230
Eden	£51,990	£129,975
Edinburgh	£1,347,299	£3,368,248
Elmbridge	£282,500	£706,250
Enfield	£3,246,226	£8,115,565
Epping Forest	£206,998	£517,495
Epsom and Ewell	£130,857	£327,143
Erewash	£195,535	£488,838
Exeter	£219,021	£547,553
Falkirk	£136,698	£341,745
Fareham	£89,833	£224,583
Fenland	£146,827	£367,068
Fife	£435,614	£1,089,035
Flintshire	£242,119	£605,298
Forest Heath	£103,973	£259,933
Forest of Dean	£106,805	£267,013
Fylde	£105,441	£263,603
Gateshead	£373,518	£933,795
Gedling	£133,837	£334,593
Glasgow	£2,979,970	£7,449,925
Gloucester	£234,429	£586,073
Gosport	£134,600	£336,500
Gravesham	£198,353	£495,883
Great Yarmouth	£231,334	£578,335
Greenwich	£1,136,207	£2,840,518
Guildford	£206,697	£516,743
Gwynedd	£241,353	£603,383
Hackney	£2,324,080	£5,810,200
Halton	£282,452	£706,130
Hambleton	£85,775	£214,438

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Hammersmith and Fulham	£1,488,830	£3,722,075
Harborough	£58,542	£146,355
Haringey	£2,422,506	£6,056,265
Harlow	£200,945	£502,363
Harrogate	£179,021	£447,553
Harrow	£1,223,994	£3,059,985
Hart	£72,264	£180,660
Hartlepool	£317,087	£792,718
Hastings	£320,232	£800,580
Havant	£204,320	£510,800
Havering	£582,761	£1,456,903
Herefordshire	£213,937	£534,843
Hertsmere	£187,929	£469,823
High Peak	£106,783	£266,958
Highland	£216,106	£540,265
Hillingdon	£1,245,418	£3,113,545
Hinckley and Bosworth	£93,843	£234,608
Horsham	£120,902	£302,255
Hounslow	£1,117,181	£2,792,953
Huntingdonshire	£169,561	£423,903
Hyndburn	£186,608	£466,520
Inverclyde	£212,068	£530,170
Ipswich	£289,363	£723,408
Isle of Anglesey	£136,536	£341,340
Isle of Wight	£226,320	£565,800
Isles of Scilly	£17,396	£43,490
Islington	£1,628,508	£4,071,270
Kensington and Chelsea	£2,263,207	£5,658,018
Kettering	£136,864	£342,160
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£219,911	£549,778
Kingston upon Hull	£707,645	£1,769,113
Kingston upon Thames	£426,956	£1,067,390
Kirklees	£852,960	£2,132,400
Knowsley	£468,623	£1,171,558
Lambeth	£1,544,093	£3,860,233
Lancaster	£211,058	£527,645
Leeds	£1,924,162	£4,810,405
Leicester	£813,252	£2,033,130
Lewes	£180,542	£451,355
Lewisham	£1,666,074	£4,165,185
Lichfield	£102,808	£257,020
Lincoln	£199,741	£499,353
Liverpool	£1,606,233	£4,015,583
Luton	£573,104	£1,432,760
Maidstone	£247,458	£618,645
Maldon	£87,221	£218,053
Malvern Hills	£92,610	£231,525
Manchester	£1,922,105	£4,805,263
Mansfield	£155,246	£388,115

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Medway	£563,046	£1,407,615
Melton	£51,644	£129,110
Mendip	£148,943	£372,358
Merthyr Tydfil	£124,556	£311,390
Merton	£641,766	£1,604,415
Mid Devon	£101,300	£253,250
Mid Suffolk	£88,555	£221,388
Mid Sussex	£128,262	£320,655
Middlesbrough	£483,272	£1,208,180
Midlothian	£150,453	£376,133
Milton Keynes	£576,204	£1,440,510
Mole Valley	£98,765	£246,913
Monmouthshire	£121,978	£304,945
Moray	£68,980	£172,450
Neath Port Talbot	£318,083	£795,208
New Forest	£198,899	£497,248
Newark and Sherwood	£126,616	£316,540
Newcastle under Lyme	£135,044	£337,610
Newcastle upon Tyne	£685,271	£1,713,178
Newham	£2,472,896	£6,182,240
Newport	£343,870	£859,675
North Ayrshire	£273,421	£683,553
North Devon	£133,055	£332,638
North Dorset	£68,387	£170,968
North East Derbyshire	£82,603	£206,508
North East Lincolnshire	£346,457	£866,143
North Hertfordshire	£164,689	£411,723
North Kesteven	£98,229	£245,573
North Lanarkshire	£374,676	£936,690
North Lincolnshire	£238,069	£595,173
North Norfolk	£112,312	£280,780
North Somerset	£382,340	£955,850
North Tyneside	£331,993	£829,983
North Warwickshire	£77,981	£194,953
North West Leicestershire	£94,912	£237,280
Northampton	£420,634	£1,051,585
Northumberland	£416,365	£1,040,913
Norwich	£288,314	£720,785
Nottingham	£696,031	£1,740,078
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£196,127	£490,318
Oadby and Wigston	£57,589	£143,973
Oldham	£498,663	£1,246,658
Orkney	£26,754	£66,885
Oxford	£525,369	£1,313,423
Pembrokeshire	£193,940	£484,850
Pendle	£142,591	£356,478
Perth and Kinross	£149,177	£372,943
Peterborough	£431,147	£1,077,868
Plymouth	£467,875	£1,169,688

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Poole	£275,652	£689,130
Portsmouth	£472,895	£1,182,238
Powys	£154,975	£387,438
Preston	£246,193	£615,483
Purbeck	£66,674	£166,685
Reading	£492,480	£1,231,200
Redbridge	£1,620,804	£4,052,010
Redcar and Cleveland	£308,690	£771,725
Redditch	£136,516	£341,290
Reigate and Banstead	£152,284	£380,710
Renfrewshire	£251,714	£629,285
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£451,301	£1,128,253
Ribble Valley	£46,969	£117,423
Richmond upon Thames	£406,202	£1,015,505
Richmondshire	£54,366	£135,915
Rochdale	£517,104	£1,292,760
Rochford	£99,169	£247,923
Rossendale	£118,986	£297,465
Rother	£157,471	£393,678
Rotherham	£437,763	£1,094,408
Rugby	£111,451	£278,628
Runnymede	£102,996	£257,490
Rushcliffe	£82,416	£206,040
Rushmoor	£134,085	£335,213
Rutland	£36,068	£90,170
Ryedale	£63,868	£159,670
Salford	£679,931	£1,699,828
Sandwell	£739,954	£1,849,885
Scarborough	£215,431	£538,578
Scottish Borders	£170,470	£426,175
Sedgemoor	£169,645	£424,113
Sefton	£547,790	£1,369,475
Selby	£89,422	£223,555
Sevenoaks	£126,778	£316,945
Sheffield	£995,802	£2,489,505
Shepway	£252,002	£630,005
Shetland	£22,223	£55,558
Shropshire	£277,475	£693,688
Slough	£678,526	£1,696,315
Solihull	£294,866	£737,165
South Ayrshire	£233,422	£583,555
South Bucks	£87,728	£219,320
South Cambridgeshire	£151,251	£378,128
South Derbyshire	£102,358	£255,895
South Gloucestershire	£327,799	£819,498
South Hams	£143,678	£359,195
South Holland	£91,630	£229,075
South Kesteven	£130,752	£326,880
South Lakeland	£95,456	£238,640

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South Lanarkshire	£413,967	£1,034,918
South Norfolk	£143,468	£358,670
South Northamptonshire	£58,950	£147,375
South Oxfordshire	£121,872	£304,680
South Ribble	£106,928	£267,320
South Somerset	£213,132	£532,830
South Staffordshire	£94,263	£235,658
South Tyneside	£305,483	£763,708
Southampton	£527,593	£1,318,983
Southend on Sea	£581,762	£1,454,405
Southwark	£1,119,665	£2,799,163
Spelthorne	£202,036	£505,090
St Albans	£170,097	£425,243
St Edmundsbury	£142,100	£355,250
St Helens	£399,636	£999,090
Stafford	£110,857	£277,143
Staffordshire Moorlands	£91,836	£229,590
Stevenage	£163,535	£408,838
Stirling	£111,886	£279,715
Stockport	£468,735	£1,171,838
Stockton on Tees	£395,220	£988,050
Stoke on Trent	£548,270	£1,370,675
Stratford on Avon	£216,801	£542,003
Stroud	£134,509	£336,273
Suffolk Coastal	£146,682	£366,705
Sunderland	£658,202	£1,645,505
Surrey Heath	£80,872	£202,180
Sutton	£454,861	£1,137,153
Swale	£323,270	£808,175
Swansea	£474,871	£1,187,178
Swindon	£280,944	£702,360
Tameside	£478,213	£1,195,533
Tamworth	£111,536	£278,840
Tandridge	£103,115	£257,788
Taunton Deane	£134,967	£337,418
Teignbridge	£186,222	£465,555
Telford and Wrekin	£356,911	£892,278
Tendring	£401,660	£1,004,150
Test Valley	£114,626	£286,565
Tewkesbury	£102,864	£257,160
Thanet	£401,310	£1,003,275
Three Rivers	£155,415	£388,538
Thurrock	£354,201	£885,503
Tonbridge and Malling	£129,610	£324,025
Torbay	£393,853	£984,633
Torfaen	£193,584	£483,960
Torridge	£93,699	£234,248
Tower Hamlets	£2,237,330	£5,593,325
Trafford	£374,833	£937,083

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Tunbridge Wells	£143,019	£357,548
Uttlesford	£100,027	£250,068
Vale of Glamorgan	£219,639	£549,098
Vale of White Horse	£125,358	£313,395
Wakefield	£644,505	£1,611,263
Walsall	£590,745	£1,476,863
Waltham Forest	£1,517,954	£3,794,885
Wandsworth	£1,839,423	£4,598,558
Warrington	£292,712	£731,780
Warwick	£168,556	£421,390
Watford	£216,854	£542,135
Waveney	£225,093	£562,733
Waverley	£145,124	£362,810
Wealden	£177,594	£443,985
Wellingborough	£121,436	£303,590
Welwyn Hatfield	£160,761	£401,903
West Berkshire	£241,672	£604,180
West Devon	£71,305	£178,263
West Dorset	£119,046	£297,615
West Dunbartonshire	£325,468	£813,670
West Lancashire	£158,909	£397,273
West Lindsey	£114,798	£286,995
West Lothian	£239,205	£598,013
West Oxfordshire	£95,797	£239,493
West Somerset	£68,453	£171,133
Westminster	£5,930,283	£14,825,708
Weymouth and Portland	£150,321	£375,803
Wigan	£456,084	£1,140,210
Wiltshire	£474,331	£1,185,828
Winchester	£105,155	£262,888
Windsor and Maidenhead	£227,918	£569,795
Wirral	£917,214	£2,293,035
Woking	£166,627	£416,568
Wokingham	£123,395	£308,488
Wolverhampton	£633,653	£1,584,133
Worcester	£172,487	£431,218
Worthing	£160,257	£400,643
Wrexham	£198,082	£495,205
Wychavon	£124,639	£311,598
Wycombe	£247,140	£617,850
Wyre	£168,131	£420,328
Wyre Forest	£152,091	£380,228
York	£286,409	£716,023
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