

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit (HB) staff; officers assessing applications for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)
ACTION	For information only
SUBJECT	Additional funding to meet the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2015/16

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Introduction

1. This circular is to inform you of additional funding of £14.2 million, which will be allocated to local authorities (LAs) to support the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2015/16.
2. The funding is intended to meet 'New Burdens' incurred by LAs as a result of the ongoing implementation of the following areas of welfare reform:
 - a. changes to Local Housing Allowance (LHA)
 - b. the removal of the spare room subsidy (RSRS)
 - c. the benefit cap

Details

3. Although you will receive a single payment, to provide transparency a breakdown of the total funding is given below.

Area of activity	Funding distribution based on	Funding (to nearest £0.1million)
LHA Changes	Distribution based on the current LHA caseload in each LA area	£2.2 million
RSRS	Distribution based on the current affected caseload in each LA area	£8.3 million
Benefit cap	Distribution based on the current number of capped households in each LA area	£3.6 million

4. This funding is intended to meet the identified costs arising from the implementation of the above measures in 2015/16. For LHA and RSRS, this is primarily to meet the costs of dealing with additional applications for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs), but also includes an allowance for additional costs associated with claimants who become newly affected by one of the policies. Benefit cap funding is predominately for the administration of the cap but also includes costs associated with additional DHPs. It is, of course, for local decision what aspects of the additional administrative cost you actually spend it on.

5. Each element of the funding has been distributed amongst LAs on a basis that reflects the likely distribution of costs, as indicated in the table above. The aggregate allocations are included in Appendix A.
6. Each LA will receive a single payment in the week of 20 April 2015.

Queries

7. Any general queries about this funding should be addressed to hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk
8. If you have any queries about the actual payment, please contact lan.Fensome@dwp.gsi.gov.uk in shared services.

Allocation of the additional funding

Authority	Additional funding (£)
Aberdeen	37,743
Aberdeenshire	22,040
Adur	8,670
Allerdale	27,879
Amber Valley	18,732
Angus	16,959
Argyll and Bute	17,217
Arun	19,815
Ashfield	29,025
Ashford	18,963
Aylesbury Vale	17,937
Babergh	9,942
Barking & Dagenham	91,700
Barnet	103,688
Barnsley	73,968
Barrow in Furness	11,032
Basildon	42,015
Basingstoke and Deane	29,379
Bassetlaw	23,453
Bath & North East Somerset	20,088
Bedford	27,508
Bexley	52,645
Birmingham	342,270
Blaby	6,568
Blackburn with Darwen	41,122
Blackpool	43,484
Blaenau Gwent	29,650
Bolsover	18,927
Bolton	73,593
Boston	11,058
Bournemouth	31,347
Bracknell Forest	11,742
Bradford	112,777
Braintree	19,593
Breckland	22,371
Brent	196,695
Brentwood	5,389
Bridgend	34,563
Brighton and Hove	61,508
Bristol	105,197

Broadland	10,143
Bromley	53,721
Bromsgrove	6,663
Broxbourne	18,524
Broxtowe	12,667
Burnley	21,505
Bury	32,559
Caerphilly	56,321
Calderdale	37,483
Cambridge	14,764
Camden	74,992
Cannock Chase	14,052
Canterbury	19,968
Cardiff	94,690
Carlisle	21,902
Carmarthenshire	43,460
Castle Point	9,443
Central Bedfordshire	28,403
Ceredigion	10,498
Charnwood	17,854
Chelmsford	16,196
Cheltenham	16,294
Cherwell	18,324
Cheshire East	44,505
Cheshire West and Chester	62,147
Chesterfield	23,414
Chichester	12,145
Chiltern	7,165
Chorley	16,260
Christchurch	5,532
City of London	1,070
Clackmannanshire	20,931
Colchester	25,813
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	4,220
Conwy	20,237
Copeland	25,147
Corby	17,696
Cornwall	86,899
Cotswold	7,784
Coventry	75,739
Craven	4,681
Crawley	25,824
Croydon	102,552
Dacorum	24,920
Darlington	21,869
Dartford	9,904
Daventry	9,688

Denbighshire	21,031
Derby	55,543
Derbyshire Dales	6,825
Doncaster	90,010
Dover	19,157
Dudley	77,905
Dumfries and Galloway	32,185
Dundee	60,057
Durham	160,945
Ealing	163,131
East Ayrshire	56,464
East Cambridgeshire	8,436
East Devon	12,865
East Dorset	6,840
East Dunbartonshire	11,311
East Hampshire	10,299
East Hertfordshire	12,143
East Lindsey	25,577
East Lothian	19,692
East Northamptonshire	11,271
East Renfrewshire	9,029
East Riding of Yorkshire	40,086
East Staffordshire	16,103
Eastbourne	19,930
Eastleigh	14,392
Eden	6,149
Edinburgh	127,551
Elmbridge	12,324
Enfield	168,860
Epping Forest	18,360
Epsom and Ewell	6,541
Erewash	19,583
Exeter	16,011
Falkirk	52,990
Fareham	7,510
Fenland	14,379
Fife	116,044
Flintshire	29,965
Forest Heath	7,257
Forest of Dean	10,816
Fylde	8,531
Gateshead	61,936
Gedling	14,680
Glasgow	255,528
Gloucester	21,905
Gosport	14,330
Gravesham	20,517

Great Yarmouth	21,592
Greenwich	86,988
Guildford	13,055
Gwynedd	27,165
Hackney	137,182
Halton	47,220
Hambleton	9,939
Hammersmith and Fulham	68,992
Harborough	5,735
Haringey	128,584
Harlow	20,806
Harrogate	12,624
Harrow	61,966
Hart	4,881
Hartlepool	41,924
Hastings	27,067
Havant	16,233
Havering	49,273
Herefordshire	25,399
Hertsmere	16,300
High Peak	9,531
Highland	50,927
Hillingdon	66,216
Hinckley and Bosworth	11,270
Horsham	12,007
Hounslow	66,188
Huntingdonshire	18,447
Hyndburn	15,530
Inverclyde	27,551
Ipswich	30,510
Isle of Anglesey	16,989
Isle of Wight	22,755
Isles of Scilly	-
Islington	85,357
Kensington and Chelsea	64,330
Kettering	14,556
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	24,719
Kingston upon Hull	104,495
Kingston upon Thames	30,231
Kirklees	66,930
Knowsley	70,891
Lambeth	114,200
Lancaster	21,045
Leeds	210,998
Leicester	84,604
Lewes	14,285
Lewisham	104,685

Lichfield	9,671
Lincoln	19,581
Liverpool	218,613
Luton	50,191
Maidstone	19,225
Maldon	5,680
Malvern Hills	9,167
Manchester	243,509
Mansfield	26,115
Medway	41,037
Melton	5,471
Mendip	12,888
Merthyr Tydfil	21,777
Merton	37,830
Mid Devon	8,249
Mid Suffolk	7,332
Mid Sussex	10,639
Middlesbrough	65,934
Midlothian	27,025
Milton Keynes	51,769
Mole Valley	4,803
Monmouthshire	12,712
Moray	12,538
Neath Port Talbot	46,949
New Forest	17,834
Newark and Sherwood	19,413
Newcastle under Lyme	16,820
Newcastle upon Tyne	111,107
Newham	117,303
Newport	48,271
North Ayrshire	62,412
North Devon	12,542
North Dorset	7,651
North East Derbyshire	21,165
North East Lincolnshire	42,064
North Hertfordshire	21,086
North Kesteven	13,379
North Lanarkshire	121,261
North Lincolnshire	35,112
North Norfolk	14,554
North Somerset	32,804
North Tyneside	56,751
North Warwickshire	7,399
North West Leicestershire	14,612
Northampton	36,427
Northumberland	68,844
Norwich	55,145

Nottingham	120,310
Nuneaton and Bedworth	24,396
Oadby and Wigston	5,423
Oldham	53,589
Orkney	2,190
Oxford	27,277
Pembrokeshire	24,016
Pendle	15,811
Perth and Kinross	17,472
Peterborough	40,716
Plymouth	51,871
Poole	20,597
Portsmouth	52,601
Powys	22,169
Preston	32,140
Purbeck	3,897
Reading	34,000
Redbridge	74,962
Redcar and Cleveland	45,978
Redditch	11,711
Reigate and Banstead	13,596
Renfrewshire	54,086
Rhondda Cynon Taf	63,879
Ribble Valley	3,827
Richmond upon Thames	20,161
Richmondshire	4,105
Rochdale	61,254
Rochford	7,843
Rossendale	8,548
Rother	10,711
Rotherham	86,434
Rugby	12,506
Runnymede	6,463
Rushcliffe	10,576
Rushmoor	13,710
Rutland	2,800
Ryedale	5,978
Salford	88,145
Sandwell	114,402
Scarborough	22,638
Scottish Borders	21,339
Sedgemoor	18,356
Sefton	70,465
Selby	10,510
Sevenoaks	11,931
Sheffield	139,484
Shepway	18,684

Shetland	2,564
Shropshire	43,224
Slough	38,823
Solihull	26,440
South Ayrshire	33,191
South Bucks	5,502
South Cambridgeshire	12,578
South Derbyshire	9,713
South Gloucestershire	25,770
South Hams	9,003
South Holland	13,521
South Kesteven	22,063
South Lakeland	9,192
South Lanarkshire	93,417
South Norfolk	15,006
South Northamptonshire	6,139
South Oxfordshire	10,796
South Ribble	12,195
South Somerset	21,034
South Staffordshire	11,821
South Tyneside	60,305
Southampton	54,036
Southend on Sea	34,346
Southwark	100,685
Spelthorne	13,162
St Albans	12,109
St Edmundsbury	12,904
St Helens	66,410
Stafford	15,083
Staffordshire Moorlands	8,800
Stevenage	18,570
Stirling	17,852
Stockport	40,499
Stockton on Tees	52,725
Stoke on Trent	79,342
Stratford on Avon	15,533
Stroud	10,788
Suffolk Coastal	12,352
Sunderland	107,043
Surrey Heath	6,992
Sutton	32,937
Swale	26,112
Swansea	59,763
Swindon	36,608
Tameside	54,543
Tamworth	12,367
Tandridge	6,545

Taunton Deane	15,745
Teignbridge	15,099
Telford and Wrekin	49,583
Tendring	31,079
Test Valley	14,213
Tewkesbury	9,545
Thanet	31,324
Three Rivers	9,256
Thurrock	35,355
Tonbridge and Malling	15,149
Torbay	30,335
Torfaen	34,055
Torrige	8,875
Tower Hamlets	150,466
Trafford	41,450
Tunbridge Wells	12,554
Uttlesford	5,024
Vale of Glamorgan	25,422
Vale of White Horse	11,923
Wakefield	107,551
Walsall	92,293
Waltham Forest	88,524
Wandsworth	91,099
Warrington	30,301
Warwick	18,467
Watford	14,303
Waveney	20,518
Waverley	10,015
Wealden	12,869
Wellingborough	17,028
Welwyn Hatfield	20,381
West Berkshire	15,478
West Devon	6,463
West Dorset	11,002
West Dunbartonshire	52,294
West Lancashire	22,900
West Lindsey	15,879
West Lothian	63,216
West Oxfordshire	10,249
West Somerset	5,092
Westminster	132,077
Weymouth and Portland	12,830
Wigan	84,045
Wiltshire	61,687
Winchester	9,287
Windsor and Maidenhead	11,251
Wirral	91,859

Woking	9,948
Wokingham	8,271
Wolverhampton	89,079
Worcester	17,469
Worthing	12,885
Wrexham	31,047
Wychavon	14,239
Wycombe	20,583
Wyre	16,211
Wyre Forest	15,281
York	20,947