

## Housing Benefit Circular

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# Discretionary Housing Payments government contribution for 2016/17

## Introduction

1. This circular gives details of each local authority's (LAs) government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for 2016/17.

## Background

2. DHP funding was increased from 2011/12 to 2013/14 to assist with the transition of claimants into the new welfare entitlement that resulted from the Housing Benefit (HB) related welfare reforms. In 2014/15 and 2015/16 funding levels reduced in line with the transitional nature of the additional funding and as claimants adjusted to the reforms.
3. To help LAs manage the impact of the HB reforms announced in the Summer Budget 2015, the overall DHP funding will be £150 million for 2016/17, an increase of £25 million (20%) compared to 2015/16 funding. This comprises of funding for four separate areas of support; Core funding, Local Housing Allowance (LHA), Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (RSRS) and Benefit Cap.
4. The distribution of the DHP funding is based on the effect of each element on individual LAs.

## Distribution of the government contribution

### Core funding (£20 million):

5. We have retained the same methodology for distributing Core funding as in 2015/16, which is to pro-rata the Core allocation based upon the most recent figures available in respect of the level of expenditure for HB in 2013/14. This is based on the [DHP Order 2001 Article 2 \(a\)](#).

### Local Housing Allowance (£30 million)

6. We have allocated £25 million using the same methodology as 2015/16 where distribution is based on aggregate losses from the package of LHA reforms and £5 million has been allocated according to the proportion of claimants in the private rented sector in each LA.

### Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (£60 million)

7. The allocation of RSRS DHP funding in 2016/17 will be the same as in previous years. The distribution of £55 million of the funding will be based on the aggregate RSRS losses in each LA area, calculated from the latest statistics

available from [Stat-Xplore](#) on numbers of claimants with a deduction and the average weekly deduction. £5 million of the funding will continue to be distributed to the 21 most sparsely populated LAs, using the same methodology based on aggregate RSRS losses.

**Benefit Cap (£40 million):**

8. We have split the £40 million into two different pots to take into account both the current Benefit Cap and the lower Benefit Cap, which is due to come into effect in 2016/17 with the split 45% and 55% respectively. For the 45%, the allocation will be the same methodology as 2015/16 which is based on the proportion of all capped funds (savings from the cap) from households capped by more than £50 per week in each LA. The 55% would be allocated according to LAs' proportion of total AME reduction for the new cap.

**Guidance**

9. Please be advised that an update to the DHP Guidance Manual and Good Practice Guide will be published during the week of 8 February 2016.

**Queries**

10. Please ensure that any queries relating to the allocation of the government contribution towards DHPs are sent, via email, to:  
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## Allocation of the £150 million fund for Discretionary Housing Payments 2016/17

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Aberdeen City	£340,537	-
Aberdeenshire	£530,047	-
Adur	£102,994	£257,485
Allerdale	£211,737	£529,343
Amber Valley	£187,811	£469,528
Angus	£353,332	-
Argyll and Bute	£407,881	-
Arun	£239,321	£598,303
Ashfield	£218,542	£546,355
Ashford	£190,225	£475,563
Aylesbury Vale	£214,726	£536,815
Babergh	£103,392	£258,480
Barking and Dagenham	£904,425	£2,261,063
Barnet	£1,538,037	£3,845,093
Barnsley	£546,215	£1,365,538
Barrow-in-Furness	£99,774	£249,435
Basildon	£431,845	£1,079,613
Basingstoke and Deane	£327,273	£818,183
Bassetlaw	£178,688	£446,720
Bath and North East Somerset UA	£232,588	£581,470
Bedford UA	£308,094	£770,235
Bexley	£539,299	£1,348,248
Birmingham	£3,800,457	£9,501,143
Blaby	£60,465	£151,163
Blackburn with Darwen UA	£375,842	£939,605
Blackpool UA	£499,104	£1,247,760
Blaenau Gwent / Blaenau Gwent	£211,004	£527,510
Bolsover	£150,064	£375,160
Bolton	£670,298	£1,675,745
Boston	£114,212	£285,530
Bournemouth UA	£452,893	£1,132,233
Bracknell Forest UA	£174,144	£435,360
Bradford	£1,108,611	£2,771,528
Braintree	£207,638	£519,095
Breckland	£200,035	£500,088
Brent	£2,866,279	£7,165,698
Brentwood	£66,315	£165,788
Bridgend / Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr	£306,262	£765,655
Brighton and Hove UA	£776,643	£1,941,608
Bristol, City of UA	£1,147,103	£2,867,758

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Broadland	£103,183	£257,958
Bromley	£617,897	£1,544,743
Bromsgrove	£83,300	£208,250
Broxbourne	£208,404	£521,010
Broxtowe	£103,379	£258,448
Burnley	£190,596	£476,490
Bury	£310,240	£775,600
Caerphilly / Caerffili	£462,330	£1,155,825
Calderdale	£362,125	£905,313
Cambridge	£188,942	£472,355
Camden	£1,037,024	£2,592,560
Cannock Chase	£123,711	£309,278
Canterbury	£219,242	£548,105
Cardiff / Caerdydd	£1,033,073	£2,582,683
Carlisle	£166,077	£415,193
Carmarthenshire / Sir Gaerfyrddin	£353,003	£882,508
Castle Point	£134,631	£336,578
Central Bedfordshire UA	£314,111	£785,278
Ceredigion / Ceredigion	£246,478	£616,195
Charnwood	£157,476	£393,690
Chelmsford	£227,357	£568,393
Cheltenham	£161,164	£402,910
Cherwell	£206,199	£515,498
Cheshire East UA	£453,766	£1,134,415
Cheshire West and Chester UA	£550,986	£1,377,465
Chesterfield	£208,948	£522,370
Chichester	£159,508	£398,770
Chiltern	£85,532	£213,830
Chorley	£134,939	£337,348
Christchurch	£74,982	£187,455
City of London	£18,391	£45,978
Clackmannanshire	£201,573	-
Colchester	£292,170	£730,425
Conwy / Conwy	£193,913	£484,783
Copeland	£183,691	£459,228
Corby	£147,356	£368,390
Cornwall UA	£893,109	£2,232,773
Cotswold	£89,634	£224,085
County Durham UA	£1,186,639	£2,966,598
Coventry	£788,669	£1,971,673
Craven	£133,310	£333,275
Crawley	£280,396	£700,990
Croydon	£1,465,383	£3,663,458

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Dacorum	£298,767	£746,918
Darlington UA	£203,184	£507,960
Dartford	£144,258	£360,645
Daventry	£96,667	£241,668
Denbighshire / Sir Ddinbych	£196,911	£492,278
Derby UA	£546,824	£1,367,060
Derbyshire Dales	£64,752	£161,880
Doncaster	£675,919	£1,689,798
Dover	£192,722	£481,805
Dudley	£672,883	£1,682,208
Dumfries and Galloway	£729,400	-
Dundee City	£546,025	-
Ealing	£2,369,244	£5,923,110
East Ayrshire	£358,824	-
East Cambridgeshire	£94,415	£236,038
East Devon	£143,932	£359,830
East Dorset	£82,418	£206,045
East Dunbartonshire	£113,698	-
East Hampshire	£121,577	£303,943
East Hertfordshire	£163,480	£408,700
East Lindsey	£239,680	£599,200
East Lothian	£147,665	-
East Northamptonshire	£113,983	£284,958
East Renfrewshire	£76,530	-
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	£356,141	£890,353
East Staffordshire	£160,068	£400,170
Eastbourne	£210,798	£526,995
Eastleigh	£155,511	£388,778
Eden	£164,805	£412,013
Edinburgh, City of	£1,450,868	-
Eilean Siar	£107,042	-
Elmbridge	£191,987	£479,968
Enfield	£2,096,823	£5,242,058
Epping Forest	£196,428	£491,070
Epsom and Ewell	£114,016	£285,040
Erewash	£175,854	£439,635
Exeter	£165,475	£413,688
Falkirk	£309,485	-
Fareham	£96,821	£242,053
Fenland	£160,738	£401,845
Fife	£838,290	-
Flintshire / Sir y Fflint	£252,797	£631,993
Forest Heath	£79,663	£199,158

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Forest of Dean	£113,281	£283,203
Fylde	£84,248	£210,620
Gateshead	£522,979	£1,307,448
Gedling	£133,599	£333,998
Glasgow City	£2,025,542	-
Gloucester	£232,101	£580,253
Gosport	£145,734	£364,335
Gravesham	£216,864	£542,160
Great Yarmouth	£210,960	£527,400
Greenwich	£842,164	£2,105,410
Guildford	£165,930	£414,825
Gwynedd / Gwynedd	£659,887	£1,649,718
Hackney	£1,858,267	£4,645,668
Halton UA	£388,533	£971,333
Hambleton	£95,082	£237,705
Hammersmith and Fulham	£908,190	£2,270,475
Harborough	£51,386	£128,465
Haringey	£1,726,627	£4,316,568
Harlow	£221,125	£552,813
Harrogate	£126,781	£316,953
Harrow	£768,737	£1,921,843
Hart	£61,781	£154,453
Hartlepool UA	£348,792	£871,980
Hastings	£277,703	£694,258
Havant	£181,152	£452,880
Havering	£512,294	£1,280,735
Herefordshire, County of UA	£215,159	£537,898
Hertsmere	£205,330	£513,325
High Peak	£96,264	£240,660
Highland	£1,217,645	-
Hillingdon	£831,393	£2,078,483
Hinckley and Bosworth	£98,116	£245,290
Horsham	£140,804	£352,010
Hounslow	£854,555	£2,136,388
Huntingdonshire	£183,384	£458,460
Hyndburn	£145,967	£364,918
Inverclyde	£232,047	-
Ipswich	£297,903	£744,758
Isle of Anglesey / Ynys Môn	£136,898	£342,245
Isle of Wight UA	£246,352	£615,880
Isles of Scilly	£328	£820
Islington	£1,161,751	£2,904,378
Kensington and Chelsea	£1,341,250	£3,353,125



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Kettering	£139,332	£348,330
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£225,110	£562,775
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	£791,440	£1,978,600
Kingston Upon Thames	£387,029	£967,573
Kirklees	£674,788	£1,686,970
Knowsley	£629,572	£1,573,930
Lambeth	£1,417,471	£3,543,678
Lancaster	£201,955	£504,888
Leeds	£1,888,013	£4,720,033
Leicester UA	£780,900	£1,952,250
Lewes	£165,812	£414,530
Lewisham	£1,489,959	£3,724,898
Lichfield	£87,882	£219,705
Lincoln	£173,675	£434,188
Liverpool	£1,932,614	£4,831,535
Luton UA	£593,809	£1,484,523
Maidstone	£217,767	£544,418
Maldon	£67,549	£168,873
Malvern Hills	£105,352	£263,380
Manchester	£2,097,016	£5,242,540
Mansfield	£218,984	£547,460
Medway UA	£588,910	£1,472,275
Melton	£40,912	£102,280
Mendip	£151,373	£378,433
Merthyr Tydfil / Merthyr Tudful	£167,424	£418,560
Merton	£489,110	£1,222,775
Mid Devon	£75,896	£189,740
Mid Suffolk	£70,449	£176,123
Mid Sussex	£126,392	£315,980
Middlesbrough UA	£621,976	£1,554,940
Midlothian	£196,651	-
Milton Keynes UA	£568,111	£1,420,278
Mole Valley	£77,051	£192,628
Monmouthshire / Sir Fynwy	£125,435	£313,588
Moray	£252,110	-
Neath Port Talbot / Castell-nedd Port Talbot	£415,679	£1,039,198
New Forest	£205,449	£513,623
Newark and Sherwood	£151,276	£378,190
Newcastle upon Tyne	£917,121	£2,292,803
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£157,486	£393,715
Newham	£1,552,693	£3,881,733
Newport / Casnewydd	£444,910	£1,112,275

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North Ayrshire	£476,146	-
North Devon	£124,505	£311,263
North Dorset	£83,429	£208,573
North East Derbyshire	£172,706	£431,765
North East Lincolnshire UA	£348,487	£871,218
North Hertfordshire	£217,865	£544,663
North Kesteven	£107,514	£268,785
North Lanarkshire	£720,491	-
North Lincolnshire UA	£294,816	£737,040
North Norfolk	£126,082	£315,205
North Somerset UA	£334,644	£836,610
North Tyneside	£473,141	£1,182,853
North Warwickshire	£66,936	£167,340
North West Leicestershire	£114,965	£287,413
Northampton	£399,599	£998,998
Northumberland UA	£536,972	£1,342,430
Norwich	£426,938	£1,067,345
Nottingham UA	£1,034,303	£2,585,758
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£213,189	£532,973
Oadby and Wigston	£43,155	£107,888
Oldham	£474,106	£1,185,265
Orkney Islands	£55,745	-
Oxford	£376,792	£941,980
Pembrokeshire / Sir Benfro	£214,654	£536,635
Pendle	£112,379	£280,948
Perth and Kinross	£388,406	-
Peterborough UA	£405,246	£1,013,115
Plymouth UA	£516,842	£1,292,105
Poole UA	£244,997	£612,493
Portsmouth UA	£529,640	£1,324,100
Powys / Powys	£568,397	£1,420,993
Preston	£294,653	£736,633
Purbeck	£53,970	£134,925
Reading UA	£505,280	£1,263,200
Redbridge	£902,724	£2,256,810
Redcar and Cleveland UA	£410,112	£1,025,280
Redditch	£114,252	£285,630
Reigate and Banstead	£183,815	£459,538
Renfrewshire	£425,050	-
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff / Rhondda, Cynon, Taf	£537,777	£1,344,443
Ribble Valley	£33,252	£83,130
Richmond Upon Thames	£310,401	£776,003

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Richmondshire	£122,114	£305,285
Rochdale	£535,391	£1,338,478
Rochford	£101,865	£254,663
Rossendale	£97,529	£243,823
Rother	£137,641	£344,103
Rotherham	£673,265	£1,683,163
Rugby	£119,729	£299,323
Runnymede	£97,024	£242,560
Rushcliffe	£102,204	£255,510
Rushmoor	£169,424	£423,560
Rutland UA	£25,576	£63,940
Ryedale	£173,283	£433,208
Salford	£763,051	£1,907,628
Sandwell	£1,029,913	£2,574,783
Scarborough	£225,027	£562,568
Scottish Borders	£500,022	-
Sedgemoor	£176,787	£441,968
Sefton	£679,361	£1,698,403
Selby	£94,564	£236,410
Sevenoaks	£155,456	£388,640
Sheffield	£1,087,495	£2,718,738
Shepway	£223,827	£559,568
Shetland Islands	£78,752	-
Shropshire UA	£385,473	£963,683
Slough UA	£580,935	£1,452,338
Solihull	£293,044	£732,610
South Ayrshire	£253,195	-
South Bucks	£86,731	£216,828
South Cambridgeshire	£142,256	£355,640
South Derbyshire	£95,033	£237,583
South Gloucestershire UA	£320,765	£801,913
South Hams	£108,639	£271,598
South Holland	£115,214	£288,035
South Kesteven	£188,070	£470,175
South Lakeland	£85,570	£213,925
South Lanarkshire	£638,793	-
South Norfolk	£137,299	£343,248
South Northamptonshire	£65,646	£164,115
South Oxfordshire	£137,373	£343,433
South Ribble	£110,156	£275,390
South Somerset	£217,431	£543,578
South Staffordshire	£102,101	£255,253
South Tyneside	£497,016	£1,242,540

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Southampton UA	£624,817	£1,562,043
Southend-on-Sea UA	£442,540	£1,106,350
Southwark	£1,104,300	£2,760,750
Spelthorne	£188,045	£470,113
St Albans	£152,715	£381,788
St Edmundsbury	£147,529	£368,823
St. Helens	£530,478	£1,326,195
Stafford	£120,333	£300,833
Staffordshire Moorlands	£81,271	£203,178
Stevenage	£196,224	£490,560
Stirling	£414,876	-
Stockport	£373,919	£934,798
Stockton-on-Tees UA	£493,699	£1,234,248
Stoke-on-Trent UA	£648,732	£1,621,830
Stratford-on-Avon	£157,863	£394,658
Stroud	£117,588	£293,970
Suffolk Coastal	£119,821	£299,553
Sunderland	£896,952	£2,242,380
Surrey Heath	£87,143	£217,858
Sutton	£378,050	£945,125
Swale	£318,849	£797,123
Swansea / Abertawe	£538,741	£1,346,853
Swindon UA	£343,221	£858,053
Tameside	£478,628	£1,196,570
Tamworth	£120,655	£301,638
Tandridge	£104,880	£262,200
Taunton Deane	£150,894	£377,235
Teignbridge	£152,184	£380,460
Telford and Wrekin UA	£449,221	£1,123,053
Tendring	£386,192	£965,480
Test Valley	£150,378	£375,945
Tewkesbury	£92,900	£232,250
Thanet	£373,290	£933,225
The Vale of Glamorgan / Bro Morgannwg	£233,606	£584,015
Three Rivers	£129,199	£322,998
Thurrock UA	£423,988	£1,059,970
Tonbridge and Malling	£171,280	£428,200
Torbay UA	£328,445	£821,113
Torfaen / Tor-faen	£268,980	£672,450
Torridge	£95,469	£238,673
Tower Hamlets	£1,883,300	£4,708,250
Trafford	£378,555	£946,388
Tunbridge Wells	£165,823	£414,558

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Central Government Contribution</b>	<b>Overall Limit (x 2.5)</b>
Uttlesford	£74,454	£186,135
Vale of White Horse	£144,112	£360,280
Wakefield	£875,770	£2,189,425
Walsall	£828,712	£2,071,780
Waltham Forest	£1,118,792	£2,796,980
Wandsworth	£1,238,936	£3,097,340
Warrington UA	£281,613	£704,033
Warwick	£167,306	£418,265
Watford	£215,544	£538,860
Waveney	£200,097	£500,243
Waverley	£130,624	£326,560
Wealden	£150,570	£376,425
Wellingborough	£138,883	£347,208
Welwyn Hatfield	£219,731	£549,328
West Berkshire UA	£215,404	£538,510
West Devon	£138,274	£345,685
West Dorset	£121,619	£304,048
West Dunbartonshire	£406,788	-
West Lancashire	£184,332	£460,830
West Lindsey	£142,371	£355,928
West Lothian	£399,233	-
West Oxfordshire	£121,706	£304,265
West Somerset	£162,509	£406,273
Westminster	£2,669,172	£6,672,930
Weymouth and Portland	£156,936	£392,340
Wigan	£620,975	£1,552,438
Wiltshire UA	£621,404	£1,553,510
Winchester	£112,253	£280,633
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	£167,703	£419,258
Wirral	£857,348	£2,143,370
Woking	£141,324	£353,310
Wokingham UA	£128,195	£320,488
Wolverhampton	£806,530	£2,016,325
Worcester	£167,738	£419,345
Worthing	£160,807	£402,018
Wrexham / Wreccsam	£263,747	£659,368
Wychavon	£146,063	£365,158
Wycombe	£258,735	£646,838
Wyre	£161,092	£402,730
Wyre Forest	£165,772	£414,430
York UA	£205,155	£512,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>£150,000,000</b>	

