

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Circular

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ACTION	For information only
SUBJECT	Additional funding to meet the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2012/13

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Additional funding to meet the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2012/13

Introduction

1. This circular is to inform you of additional funding of £14.8m that has been secured to support the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2012/13.
2. The funding is intended to meet “New Burdens” incurred by local authorities (LAs) as a result of the implementation of the following areas of welfare reform:
 - a. Implementation of changes to Local Housing Allowance (LHA) (including the move to an annual uprating cycle and changes to the Shared Accommodation Rate)
 - b. Implementation of the social sector size criteria
 - c. Changes to Information Technology (IT) systems for both a. and b.
 - d. Implementation of the benefit cap

Details

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

Area of activity	Funding distribution based on	Funding (to nearest £0.1m)
LHA Changes (excluding IT costs)	Distribution of estimated claimant losses from changes as set out in Subsidy Circular HB/CTB S1/2013	£8.1m
LHA IT costs	Equal share of each LA's IT supplier costs	£1.1m
Social sector size criteria (excluding IT costs)	Distribution of the social sector working age HB caseload	£1.4m
Social sector size criteria IT costs	Equal share of each LA's IT supplier costs	£2.6m

Area of activity	Funding distribution based on	Funding (to nearest £0.1m)
Benefit cap(excluding IT costs)	Assumed LA staffing levels given number of households, using observed ratios (IT costs estimated separately) and estimated number of benefit cap households.	£1.6m
TOTAL		£14.8m

4. This funding is intended to meet the identified costs arising from the introduction of the above measures in 2012/13. In the case of LHA changes, for example, it is intended primarily to meet the costs of additional applications for Discretionary Housing Payments. But it is, of course, for local decision what aspects of the additional administrative costs 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 the attached appendix A.
6. Each LA will receive a single payment on or around 30 January 2013.
7. Funding for 2013/14 and beyond will be subject of discussions with the LA Associations. We will continue to assess the ongoing impact of welfare reforms on LA administration in line with the New Burdens Doctrine.

Further Changes

8. Further changes to your IT systems are in the process of being developed (to support the delivery of the benefit cap and to ensure you are aware of new Personal Independence Payment awards), we expect to issue a further payment to you once your suppliers have completed this work.

Queries

9. Any general queries about this funding should be addressed to hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk
10. 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 City	£25,790
Aberdeenshire	£28,684
Adur	£12,631
Allerdale	£12,661
Amber Valley	£18,802
Angus	£25,530
Argyll & Bute	£23,787
Arun	£31,994
Ashfield	£25,363
Ashford	£23,629
Aylesbury Vale	£27,760
Babergh	£20,844
Barking	£54,491
Barnet	£150,103
Barnsley	£31,341
Barrow-in-Furness	£21,298
Basildon	£36,989
Basingstoke and Deane	£26,600
Bassetlaw	£23,516
Bath and N E Somerset	£30,481
Bedford	£32,880
Bexley	£35,740
Birmingham	£213,188
Blaby	£18,866
Blackburn with Darwen	£38,820
Blackpool	£68,712
Blaenau Gwent	£23,665
Bolsover	£13,487
Bolton	£45,129
Boston	£13,420
Bournemouth	£64,423
Bracknell Forest	£23,455
Bradford	£97,384
Braintree	£27,106
Breckland	£18,131
Brent	£311,826
Brentwood	£19,608
Bridgend	£38,514
Brighton and Hove	£98,399
Bristol	£102,509
Broadland	£14,028
Bromley	£50,388
Bromsgrove	£11,782
Broxbourne	£26,344
Broxtowe	£23,490
Burnley	£25,421
Bury	£40,409
Caerphilly	£29,030

Authority	Additional Funding
Calderdale	£61,881
Cambridge	£25,778
Camden	£136,271
Cannock Chase	£21,709
Canterbury	£29,665
Cardiff	£93,782
Carlisle	£14,921
Carmarthenshire	£39,996
Castle Point	£23,610
Central Bedfordshire	£32,452
Ceredigion	£18,037
Charnwood	£16,123
Chelmsford	£22,416
Cheltenham	£29,692
Cherwell	£26,627
Cheshire East	£47,927
Cheshire West and Chester	£39,266
Chesterfield	£18,401
Chichester	£23,052
Chiltern	£19,792
Chorley	£13,729
Christchurch	£10,393
City of London	£15,638
Clackmannanshire	£19,462
Colchester	£29,897
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£14,339
Conwy	£33,789
Copeland	£10,925
Corby	£19,220
Cornwall	£83,107
Cotswold	£20,511
Coventry	£66,310
Craven	£17,300
Crawley	£28,973
Croydon	£132,070
Dacorum	£26,524
Darlington	£29,315
Dartford	£20,047
Daventry	£11,222
Denbighshire	£28,385
Derby	£45,295
Derbyshire Dales	£9,944
Doncaster	£57,829
Dover	£29,090
Dudley	£49,859
Dumfries & Galloway	£27,529
Dundee City	£44,577
Durham	£81,216
Ealing	£175,386
East Ayrshire	£30,042

Authority	Additional Funding
East Cambridgeshire	£13,318
East Devon	£20,059
East Dorset	£12,233
East Dunbartonshire	£21,036
East Hampshire	£19,844
East Hertfordshire	£16,290
East Lindsey	£27,071
East Lothian	£16,731
East Northamptonshire	£11,724
East Renfrewshire	£19,945
East Riding of Yorkshire	£52,576
East Staffordshire	£24,877
Eastbourne	£31,592
Eastleigh	£16,096
Eden	£16,339
Edinburgh	£119,856
Elmbridge	£19,838
Enfield	£145,619
Epping Forest	£19,251
Epsom and Ewell	£14,927
Erewash	£26,008
Exeter	£22,275
Falkirk	£30,196
Fareham	£19,750
Fenland	£16,454
Fife	£60,429
Flintshire	£35,080
Forest Heath	£12,854
Forest of Dean	£21,024
Fylde	£15,115
Gateshead	£31,514
Gedling	£25,651
Glasgow	£130,752
Gloucester	£31,474
Gosport	£22,781
Gravesham	£30,358
Great Yarmouth	£32,910
Greenwich	£53,859
Guildford	£28,113
Gwynedd	£21,954
Hackney	£163,492
Halton	£30,249
Hambleton	£18,558
Hammersmith and Fulham	£89,643
Harborough	£10,235
Haringey	£143,083
Harlow	£26,015
Harrogate	£27,703
Harrow	£65,212
Hart	£18,568

Authority	Additional Funding
Hartlepool	£34,381
Hastings	£36,654
Havant	£25,222
Havering	£38,752
Herefordshire	£20,164
Hertsmere	£25,033
High Peak	£21,943
Highland	£31,577
Hillingdon	£70,073
Hinckley and Bosworth	£12,490
Horsham	£15,064
Hounslow	£74,831
Huntingdonshire	£23,677
Hyndburn	£21,144
Inverclyde	£24,884
Ipswich	£31,576
Isle of Anglesey	£26,571
Isle of Wight	£34,011
Isles of Scilly	£547
Islington	£115,138
Kensington and Chelsea	£268,141
Kettering	£15,166
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	£27,496
Kingston upon Hull	£57,490
Kingston upon Thames	£44,124
Kirklees	£83,249
Knowsley	£45,699
Lambeth	£96,324
Lancaster	£24,294
Leeds	£156,888
Leicester	£58,515
Lewes	£17,933
Lewisham	£119,811
Lichfield	£18,955
Lincoln	£27,210
Liverpool	£153,158
Luton	£39,376
Maidstone	£20,024
Maldon	£11,692
Malvern Hills	£12,304
Manchester	£117,819
Mansfield	£24,471
Medway	£62,174
Melton	£16,104
Mendip	£19,140
Merthyr Tydfil	£21,895
Merton	£54,646
Mid Devon	£19,275
Mid Suffolk	£18,995
Mid Sussex	£15,837

Authority	Additional Funding
Middlesbrough	£48,210
Midlothian	£23,162
Milton Keynes	£58,749
Mole Valley	£11,584
Monmouthshire	£20,992
Moray	£19,882
Neath Port Talbot	£40,015
New Forest	£28,110
Newark and Sherwood	£23,379
Newcastle upon Tyne	£52,502
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£23,103
Newham	£91,743
Newport	£35,507
North Ayrshire	£37,465
North Devon	£26,360
North Dorset	£10,276
North East Derbyshire	£12,610
North East Lincolnshire	£38,822
North Hertfordshire	£22,974
North Kesteven	£21,288
North Lanarkshire	£58,227
North Lincolnshire	£27,305
North Norfolk	£22,373
North Somerset	£42,624
North Tyneside	£38,734
North Warwickshire	£10,649
North West Leicestershire	£11,961
Northampton	£45,958
Northumberland	£43,619
Norwich	£33,874
Nottingham	£62,280
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£27,738
Oadby and Wigston	£9,155
Oldham	£38,957
Orkney Islands	£14,210
Oxford	£37,710
Pembrokeshire	£38,134
Pendle	£23,150
Perth & Kinross	£27,748
Peterborough	£34,039
Plymouth	£51,431
Poole	£26,951
Portsmouth	£48,536
Powys	£27,974
Preston	£23,302
Purbeck	£9,638
Reading	£44,239
Redbridge	£82,590
Redcar and Cleveland	£34,742
Redditch	£23,214

Authority	Additional Funding
Reigate and Banstead	£23,801
Renfrewshire	£32,387
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	£55,327
Ribble Valley	£16,497
Richmond upon Thames	£40,699
Richmondshire	£16,449
Rochdale	£39,740
Rochford	£12,117
Rossendale	£22,007
Rother	£16,939
Rotherham	£39,508
Rugby	£21,675
Runnymede	£19,981
Rushcliffe	£13,008
Rushmoor	£24,062
Rutland	£15,176
Ryedale	£16,546
Salford	£62,481
Sandwell	£61,945
Scarborough	£33,718
Scottish Borders	£24,450
Sedgemoor	£51,770
Sefton	£61,422
Selby	£19,920
Sevenoaks	£13,743
Sheffield	£63,983
Shepway	£32,772
Shetland Islands	£14,190
Shropshire	£34,360
Slough	£51,738
Solihull	£34,704
South Ayrshire	£29,937
South Bucks	£11,514
South Cambridgeshire	£25,706
South Derbyshire	£13,421
South Gloucestershire	£39,986
South Hams	£22,286
South Holland	£14,806
South Kesteven	£25,220
South Lakeland	£19,809
South Lanarkshire	£53,713
South Norfolk	£23,546
South Northamptonshire	£10,376
South Oxfordshire	£15,951
South Ribble	£13,513
South Somerset	£26,707
South Staffordshire	£11,366
South Tyneside	£27,989
Southampton	£47,423
Southend on Sea	£54,663

Authority	Additional Funding
Southwark	£75,732
Spelthorne	£16,685
St Albans	£23,631
St Edmundsbury	£16,609
St Helens	£32,023
Stafford	£21,485
Staffordshire Moorlands	£20,698
Stevenage	£14,551
Stirling	£14,769
Stockport	£47,487
Stockton on Tees	£45,768
Stoke on Trent	£59,271
Stratford-on-Avon	£24,434
Stroud	£23,702
Suffolk Coastal	£15,705
Sunderland	£70,174
Surrey Heath	£18,737
Sutton	£45,722
Swale	£30,611
Swansea	£61,036
Swindon	£36,359
Tameside	£32,633
Tamworth	£12,886
Tandridge	£12,816
Taunton Deane	£26,400
Teignbridge	£31,195
Telford and Wrekin	£36,340
Tendring	£44,818
Test Valley	£20,919
Tewkesbury	£20,031
Thanet	£59,828
Three Rivers	£14,186
Thurrock	£41,386
Tonbridge and Malling	£20,684
Torbay	£53,885
Torfaen	£24,084
Torridge	£14,334
Tower Hamlets	£103,857
Trafford	£39,472
Tunbridge Wells	£15,109
Uttlesford	£19,376
Vale of Glamorgan	£30,286
Vale of White Horse	£14,461
Wakefield	£52,094
Walsall	£50,851
Waltham Forest	£84,770
Wandsworth	£134,227
Warrington	£25,474
Warwick	£26,267
Watford	£19,961

Authority	Additional Funding
Waveney	£30,576
Waverley	£22,211
Wealden	£17,662
Wellingborough	£12,853
Welwyn Hatfield	£13,701
West Berkshire	£26,509
West Devon	£10,415
West Dorset	£14,895
West Dunbartonshire	£26,556
West Lancashire	£15,154
West Lindsey	£22,657
West Lothian	£32,889
West Oxfordshire	£20,753
West Somerset	£18,007
Westminster	£708,393
Weymouth and Portland	£19,431
Wigan	£46,568
Wiltshire	£53,172
Winchester	£20,588
Windsor and Maidenhead	£19,696
Wirral	£77,095
Woking	£16,507
Wokingham	£23,615
Wolverhampton	£57,696
Worcester	£19,413
Worthing	£20,037
Wrexham	£27,267
Wychavon	£14,340
Wycombe	£28,734
Wyre	£28,293
Wyre Forest	£25,818
York	£34,533