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### SUBSIDY CIRCULAR

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| <b>WHO SHOULD READ</b> | All Housing Benefit staff  |
| <b>ACTION</b>          | For information  |
| <b>SUBJECT</b>         | New Burdens funding: Changes to Work-related Activity Group payments in Employment and Support Allowance |

### Revision

We have identified that the allocations given in the circular for a small number of local authorities were incorrect. This error has now been rectified we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### Guidance Manual

The information in this circular does not affect the content of the HB Guidance Manual.

### Queries

#### If you

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## **New Burdens Funding: Changes to Work-related Activity Group payments in Employment and Support Allowance**

### **Introduction**

1. This circular is to inform you of New Burdens funding that will be allocated to all local authorities (LAs) as a result of changes to Work-related Activity Group payments in Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
2. The New Burdens funding of £1.25 million is intended to meet implementation costs incurred by LAs as a result of the changes.

### **Background**

3. As detailed in circular [HB A4/2017](#), new arrangements, which come in to force from 3 April 2017 means the ESA work related activity component (WRAC) will not be available to new ESA claims. Affected claimants found to have limited capability for work following the Work Capability Assessment will not receive an additional component.
4. Where no WRAC is awarded in ESA, no equivalent component will be awarded in Housing Benefit (HB). This maintains the policy that the HB applicable amount should reflect the structure of ESA.
5. Funding has been approved for training, guidance and changing electronic claim forms. Payments for changes to LA IT systems have been paid separately and are not included in this circular.
6. Distribution of the funding is based on the current ESA caseload in each LA area. Details of each LA's allocation is given in Annex A.
7. Each LA will receive payments during the week of 20 March 2017.

**ESA WRAC removal payments**

| <b>Local Authority</b>     | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aberdeen                   | £4,683                    |
| Aberdeenshire              | £2,809                    |
| Adur                       | £945                      |
| Allerdale                  | £1,873                    |
| Amber Valley               | £2,019                    |
| Angus                      | £2,376                    |
| Argyll and Bute            | £1,965                    |
| Arun                       | £2,288                    |
| Ashfield                   | £2,650                    |
| Ashford                    | £1,553                    |
| Aylesbury Vale             | £1,665                    |
| Babergh                    | £867                      |
| Barking & Dagenham         | £4,364                    |
| Barnet                     | £6,249                    |
| Barnsley                   | £6,386                    |
| Barrow in Furness          | £1,776                    |
| Basildon                   | £3,281                    |
| Basingstoke and Deane      | £1,861                    |
| Bassetlaw                  | £1,874                    |
| Bath & North East Somerset | £2,270                    |
| Bedford                    | £2,372                    |
| Bexley                     | £3,106                    |
| Birmingham                 | £25,482                   |
| Blaby                      | £726                      |
| Blackburn with Darwen      | £4,266                    |
| Blackpool                  | £6,828                    |
| Blaenau Gwent              | £2,507                    |
| Bolsover                   | £1,661                    |
| Bolton                     | £7,468                    |
| Boston                     | £995                      |
| Bournemouth                | £5,187                    |
| Bracknell Forest           | £1,114                    |
| Bradford                   | £10,864                   |
| Braintree                  | £1,779                    |
| Breckland                  | £1,833                    |
| Brent                      | £6,816                    |
| Brentwood                  | £617                      |
| Bridgend                   | £3,443                    |
| Brighton and Hove          | £8,279                    |
| Bristol                    | £11,778                   |
| Broadland                  | £1,125                    |
| Bromley                    | £4,356                    |

| Local Authority           | New Burdens Amount |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Bromsgrove                | £905               |
| Broxbourne                | £1,143             |
| Broxtowe                  | £1,577             |
| Burnley                   | £2,825             |
| Bury                      | £3,907             |
| Caerphilly                | £4,760             |
| Calderdale                | £5,012             |
| Cambridge                 | £2,306             |
| Camden                    | £7,566             |
| Cannock Chase             | £1,678             |
| Canterbury                | £2,246             |
| Cardiff                   | £9,036             |
| Carlisle                  | £2,327             |
| Carmarthenshire           | £3,881             |
| Castle Point              | £953               |
| Central Bedfordshire      | £2,657             |
| Ceredigion                | £1,403             |
| Charnwood                 | £2,223             |
| Chelmsford                | £2,033             |
| Cheltenham                | £2,093             |
| Cherwell                  | £1,619             |
| Cheshire East             | £4,462             |
| Cheshire West and Chester | £5,578             |
| Chesterfield              | £3,215             |
| Chichester                | £1,220             |
| Chiltern                  | £741               |
| Chorley                   | £1,765             |
| Christchurch              | £638               |
| City of London            | £182               |
| Clackmannanshire          | £1,704             |
| Colchester                | £2,822             |
| Comhairle nan Eilean Siar | £367               |
| Conwy                     | £2,532             |
| Copeland                  | £1,564             |
| Corby                     | £1,347             |
| Cornwall                  | £10,618            |
| Cotswold                  | £677               |
| Coventry                  | £7,525             |
| Craven                    | £537               |
| Crawley                   | £1,657             |
| Croydon                   | £6,116             |
| Dacorum                   | £1,879             |
| Darlington                | £2,347             |
| Dartford                  | £1,217             |
| Daventry                  | £724               |
| Denbighshire              | £2,434             |
| Derby                     | £6,333             |

| <b>Local Authority</b>   | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Derbyshire Dales         | £702                      |
| Doncaster                | £6,320                    |
| Dover                    | £2,021                    |
| Dudley                   | £5,542                    |
| Dumfries and Galloway    | £3,558                    |
| Dundee                   | £6,111                    |
| Durham                   | £13,683                   |
| Ealing                   | £6,172                    |
| East Ayrshire            | £3,892                    |
| East Cambridgeshire      | £778                      |
| East Devon               | £1,518                    |
| East Dorset              | £676                      |
| East Dunbartonshire      | £1,490                    |
| East Hampshire           | £929                      |
| East Hertfordshire       | £1,246                    |
| East Lindsey             | £2,951                    |
| East Lothian             | £1,895                    |
| East Northamptonshire    | £916                      |
| East Renfrewshire        | £1,198                    |
| East Riding of Yorkshire | £4,560                    |
| East Staffordshire       | £1,793                    |
| Eastbourne               | £2,429                    |
| Eastleigh                | £1,107                    |
| Eden                     | £496                      |
| Edinburgh                | £12,044                   |
| Elmbridge                | £1,175                    |
| Enfield                  | £6,544                    |
| Epping Forest            | £1,390                    |
| Epsom and Ewell          | £610                      |
| Erewash                  | £2,108                    |
| Exeter                   | £2,649                    |
| Falkirk                  | £4,233                    |
| Fareham                  | £794                      |
| Fenland                  | £1,808                    |
| Fife                     | £9,464                    |
| Flintshire               | £2,402                    |
| Forest Heath             | £802                      |
| Forest of Dean           | £1,230                    |
| Fylde                    | £1,215                    |
| Gateshead                | £5,588                    |
| Gedling                  | £1,576                    |
| Glasgow                  | £32,298                   |
| Gloucester               | £2,736                    |
| Gosport                  | £1,381                    |
| Gravesham                | £1,431                    |
| Great Yarmouth           | £2,895                    |
| Greenwich                | £6,328                    |

| <b>Local Authority</b>     | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Guildford                  | £1,389                    |
| Gwynedd                    | £2,093                    |
| Hackney                    | £9,608                    |
| Halton                     | £3,552                    |
| Hambleton                  | £749                      |
| Hammersmith and Fulham     | £5,190                    |
| Harborough                 | £658                      |
| Haringey                   | £6,946                    |
| Harlow                     | £1,614                    |
| Harrogate                  | £1,524                    |
| Harrow                     | £2,695                    |
| Hart                       | £438                      |
| Hartlepool                 | £3,080                    |
| Hastings                   | £3,319                    |
| Havant                     | £1,323                    |
| Havering                   | £2,824                    |
| Herefordshire              | £2,826                    |
| Hertsmere                  | £1,266                    |
| High Peak                  | £1,541                    |
| Highland                   | £4,519                    |
| Hillingdon                 | £3,870                    |
| Hinckley and Bosworth      | £1,166                    |
| Horsham                    | £1,186                    |
| Hounslow                   | £3,968                    |
| Huntingdonshire            | £1,887                    |
| Hyndburn                   | £2,388                    |
| Inverclyde                 | £3,047                    |
| Ipswich                    | £3,308                    |
| Isle of Anglesey           | £1,180                    |
| Isle of Wight              | £2,688                    |
| Isles of Scilly            | £10                       |
| Islington                  | £8,653                    |
| Kensington and Chelsea     | £4,622                    |
| Kettering                  | £1,604                    |
| King's Lynn & West Norfolk | £2,449                    |
| Kingston upon Hull         | £9,323                    |
| Kingston upon Thames       | £1,965                    |
| Kirklees                   | £8,689                    |
| Knowsley                   | £5,746                    |
| Lambeth                    | £8,399                    |
| Lancaster                  | £2,989                    |
| Leeds                      | £18,729                   |
| Leicester                  | £8,739                    |
| Lewes                      | £1,405                    |
| Lewisham                   | £7,584                    |
| Lichfield                  | £1,136                    |
| Lincoln                    | £2,542                    |

| <b>Local Authority</b>    | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Liverpool                 | £19,894                   |
| Luton                     | £3,835                    |
| Maidstone                 | £2,067                    |
| Maldon                    | £621                      |
| Malvern Hills             | £1,041                    |
| Manchester                | £19,428                   |
| Mansfield                 | £2,876                    |
| Medway                    | £4,862                    |
| Melton                    | £459                      |
| Mendip                    | £1,823                    |
| Merthyr Tydfil            | £1,818                    |
| Merton                    | £2,297                    |
| Mid Devon                 | £1,045                    |
| Mid Suffolk               | £800                      |
| Mid Sussex                | £1,156                    |
| Middlesbrough             | £4,886                    |
| Midlothian                | £1,948                    |
| Milton Keynes             | £4,298                    |
| Mole Valley               | £809                      |
| Monmouthshire             | £1,375                    |
| Moray                     | £1,543                    |
| Neath Port Talbot         | £4,868                    |
| New Forest                | £1,804                    |
| Newark and Sherwood       | £1,835                    |
| Newcastle under Lyme      | £2,307                    |
| Newcastle upon Tyne       | £8,183                    |
| Newham                    | £6,402                    |
| Newport                   | £4,003                    |
| North Ayrshire            | £4,925                    |
| North Devon               | £1,605                    |
| North Dorset              | £821                      |
| North East Derbyshire     | £1,749                    |
| North East Lincolnshire   | £3,873                    |
| North Hertfordshire       | £1,362                    |
| North Kesteven            | £951                      |
| North Lanarkshire         | £10,747                   |
| North Lincolnshire        | £2,675                    |
| North Norfolk             | £1,375                    |
| North Somerset            | £3,703                    |
| North Tyneside            | £4,626                    |
| North Warwickshire        | £692                      |
| North West Leicestershire | £1,165                    |
| Northampton               | £3,778                    |
| Northumberland            | £5,717                    |
| Norwich                   | £4,535                    |
| Nottingham                | £9,372                    |
| Nuneaton and Bedworth     | £2,360                    |

| Local Authority      | New Burdens Amount |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Oadby and Wigston    | £519               |
| Oldham               | £5,540             |
| Orkney               | £343               |
| Oxford               | £2,745             |
| Pembrokeshire        | £2,371             |
| Pendle               | £1,996             |
| Perth and Kinross    | £2,582             |
| Peterborough         | £4,459             |
| Plymouth             | £7,272             |
| Poole                | £2,105             |
| Portsmouth           | £5,519             |
| Powys                | £2,061             |
| Preston              | £3,628             |
| Purbeck              | £465               |
| Reading              | £2,623             |
| Redbridge            | £3,149             |
| Redcar and Cleveland | £3,503             |
| Redditch             | £1,471             |
| Reigate and Banstead | £1,315             |
| Renfrewshire         | £4,983             |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf    | £7,084             |
| Ribble Valley        | £399               |
| Richmond upon Thames | £2,099             |
| Richmondshire        | £376               |
| Rochdale             | £6,522             |
| Rochford             | £620               |
| Rossendale           | £1,480             |
| Rother               | £1,385             |
| Rotherham            | £6,052             |
| Rugby                | £1,121             |
| Runnymede            | £708               |
| Rushcliffe           | £937               |
| Rushmoor             | £1,308             |
| Rutland              | £256               |
| Ryedale              | £550               |
| Salford              | £8,065             |
| Sandwell             | £7,820             |
| Scarborough          | £2,724             |
| Scottish Borders     | £2,293             |
| Sedgemoor            | £2,051             |
| Sefton               | £7,243             |
| Selby                | £789               |
| Sevenoaks            | £1,089             |
| Sheffield            | £13,315            |
| Shepway              | £2,259             |
| Shetland             | £288               |
| Shropshire           | £3,832             |

| <b>Local Authority</b>  | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Slough                  | £2,159                    |
| Solihull                | £2,905                    |
| South Ayrshire          | £3,025                    |
| South Bucks             | £501                      |
| South Cambridgeshire    | £1,174                    |
| South Derbyshire        | £1,111                    |
| South Gloucestershire   | £2,730                    |
| South Hams              | £934                      |
| South Holland           | £945                      |
| South Kesteven          | £1,572                    |
| South Lakeland          | £1,023                    |
| South Lanarkshire       | £8,863                    |
| South Norfolk           | £1,311                    |
| South Northamptonshire  | £456                      |
| South Oxfordshire       | £1,038                    |
| South Ribble            | £1,278                    |
| South Somerset          | £2,344                    |
| South Staffordshire     | £944                      |
| South Tyneside          | £4,884                    |
| Southampton             | £6,102                    |
| Southend on Sea         | £4,065                    |
| Southwark               | £8,362                    |
| Spelthorne              | £1,072                    |
| St Albans               | £1,241                    |
| St Edmundsbury          | £1,499                    |
| St Helens               | £5,128                    |
| Stafford                | £1,601                    |
| Staffordshire Moorlands | £1,037                    |
| Stevenage               | £1,594                    |
| Stirling                | £1,889                    |
| Stockport               | £5,285                    |
| Stockton on Tees        | £4,329                    |
| Stoke on Trent          | £7,674                    |
| Stratford on Avon       | £1,112                    |
| Stroud                  | £1,442                    |
| Suffolk Coastal         | £1,311                    |
| Sunderland              | £8,120                    |
| Surrey Heath            | £673                      |
| Sutton                  | £2,429                    |
| Swale                   | £2,620                    |
| Swansea                 | £7,004                    |
| Swindon                 | £3,396                    |
| Tameside                | £6,018                    |
| Tamworth                | £1,330                    |
| Tandridge               | £738                      |
| Taunton Deane           | £1,800                    |
| Teignbridge             | £1,664                    |

| <b>Local Authority</b> | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Telford and Wrekin     | £4,235                    |
| Tendring               | £2,883                    |
| Test Valley            | £1,091                    |
| Tewkesbury             | £787                      |
| Thanet                 | £3,635                    |
| Three Rivers           | £914                      |
| Thurrock               | £2,318                    |
| Tonbridge and Malling  | £1,226                    |
| Torbay                 | £4,008                    |
| Torfaen                | £2,538                    |
| Torridge               | £1,076                    |
| Tower Hamlets          | £7,959                    |
| Trafford               | £3,574                    |
| Tunbridge Wells        | £1,413                    |
| Uttlesford             | £558                      |
| Vale of Glamorgan      | £2,374                    |
| Vale of White Horse    | £1,090                    |
| Wakefield              | £8,151                    |
| Walsall                | £6,206                    |
| Waltham Forest         | £5,077                    |
| Wandsworth             | £5,470                    |
| Warrington             | £3,432                    |
| Warwick                | £1,533                    |
| Watford                | £1,294                    |
| Waveney                | £2,766                    |
| Waverley               | £945                      |
| Wealden                | £1,306                    |
| Wellingborough         | £1,220                    |
| Welwyn Hatfield        | £1,661                    |
| West Berkshire         | £1,401                    |
| West Devon             | £758                      |
| West Dorset            | £1,322                    |
| West Dunbartonshire    | £3,524                    |
| West Lancashire        | £1,640                    |
| West Lindsey           | £1,466                    |
| West Lothian           | £4,855                    |
| West Oxfordshire       | £861                      |
| West Somerset          | £629                      |
| Westminster            | £7,196                    |
| Weymouth and Portland  | £1,791                    |
| Wigan                  | £6,468                    |
| Wiltshire              | £5,438                    |
| Winchester             | £1,122                    |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | £1,145                    |
| Wirral                 | £9,971                    |
| Woking                 | £1,038                    |
| Wokingham              | £766                      |

| <b>Local Authority</b> | <b>New Burdens Amount</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wolverhampton          | £6,614                    |
| Worcester              | £1,997                    |
| Worthing               | £1,895                    |
| Wrexham                | £2,759                    |
| Wychavon               | £1,459                    |
| Wycombe                | £1,507                    |
| Wyre                   | £1,953                    |
| Wyre Forest            | £1,999                    |
| York                   | £2,509                    |