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Discretionary Housing Payments Government contribution for 2011/12

Introduction

- 1 This circular gives details of each local authority's (LA's) Government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for 2011/12.

Background

- 2 Since 2 July 2001, DHPs have allowed authorities to help those entitled to Housing Benefit (HB) or Council Tax Benefit (CTB) who, in their opinion, require further financial assistance with housing costs. The relevant regulations are the *Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001 [SI 2001/1167]*.
- 3 The financial arrangements are covered in the *Discretionary Housing Payments (Grants) Order 2001*, which also came into effect on 2 July 2001 [SI 2001/2340] and covers
 - how LAs should submit claims
 - how LAs are reimbursed for DHPs
 - that the overall limit on expenditure is set at 2.5x each authority's contribution from central Government
- 4 In previous years, the DHP allocation has totalled £20m. The Government announced in the June 2010 budget that it will increase its contributions to LAs' funding for DHP by £10m to £30m in 2011/12.
- 5 The Government plans to further increase the DHP allocation to a total of £60 million for the 2012/13 allocation. The method for this allocation will be considered at a later stage.
- 6 The purpose of the additional funding is to provide LAs with more flexibility to help a greater number of new and existing customers who face a shortfall in rent because of changes to HB which come into effect from April 2011.

Distribution of the Government contribution and upper limit for 2011/12

- 7 The distribution formula is intended, as far as possible, to target resources according to need.
- 8 As in previous years, we have used the current formula to allocate the original £20m. Each authority's allocation is based on the mid-point between its DHP spend for the latest year for which we have reliable data and its contribution for that year.

- 9 So, for example, if the LA had a contribution of £5,000 and spent £4,000, it would be allocated £4,500. And if it had spent £7,000, it would be allocated £6,000.
- 10 The remaining £10m has been allocated differently and is based upon the Department for Work and Pensions' estimates of the total gross reductions in HB entitlement in each LA.
- 11 Following discussions with the local authority associations (LAAs), the overall allocation for each LA has been adjusted to ensure that no LA is allocated less in 2011/12 than they were in 2010/11. This adjustment has been performed using the same methodology as the 'netting' process used in the calculation of Administration Subsidy.
- Note:** 'Netting' is the process that ensures an LA will not lose more than a certain percentage of their previous year's DHP allocation.
- 12 Appendix A shows each authority's allocation and upper spending limit for 2011/12 based on the methodology agreed with the LAAs. This methodology will be reviewed again for 2012/13.

Allocation of £30m fund for Discretionary Housing Payments

Local Authority	2011/12 DHP Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Aberdeen	76,110	190,275
Aberdeenshire	24,963	62,408
Adur	21,421	53,553
Allerdale	9,295	23,238
Amber Valley	37,598	93,995
Angus	32,429	81,073
Argyll and Bute	40,773	101,933
Arun	80,180	200,450
Ashfield	69,587	173,968
Ashford	42,111	105,278
Aylesbury Vale	37,836	94,590
Babergh	36,253	90,633
Barking	140,486	351,215
Barnet	367,785	919,463
Barnsley	68,312	170,780
Barrow in Furness	17,133	42,833
Basildon	59,818	149,545
Basingstoke and Deane	42,407	106,018
Bassetlaw	23,409	58,523
Bath and N E Somerset	93,387	233,468
Bedford	73,981	184,953
Bexley	83,039	207,598
Birmingham	983,700	2,459,250
Blaby	23,088	57,720
Blackburn with Darwen	55,726	139,315
Blackpool	186,200	465,500
Blaenau Gwent	26,422	66,055
Bolsover	13,025	32,563
Bolton	101,486	253,715
Boston	12,459	31,148
Bournemouth	107,641	269,103
Bracknell Forest	21,716	54,290
Bradford	188,891	472,228
Braintree	34,257	85,643
Breckland	68,516	171,290
Brent	539,188	1,347,970
Brentwood	25,644	64,110
Bridgend	60,295	150,738
Brighton and Hove	387,835	969,588
Bristol	206,597	516,493
Broadland	20,757	51,893
Bromley	122,441	306,103
Bromsgrove	13,339	33,348
Broxbourne	32,771	81,928
Broxtowe	24,928	62,320
Burnley	28,995	72,488

Bury	65,410	163,525
Caerphilly	34,666	86,665
Calderdale	72,066	180,165
Cambridge	32,347	80,868
Camden	330,258	825,645
Cannock Chase	13,459	33,648
Canterbury	48,030	120,075
Cardiff	292,164	730,410
Carlisle	16,037	40,093
Carmarthenshire	64,402	161,005
Castle Point	34,780	86,950
Central Bedfordshire	36,523	91,308
Ceredigion	87,676	219,190
Charnwood	20,417	51,043
Chelmsford	48,836	122,090
Cheltenham	32,325	80,813
Cherwell	90,326	225,815
Cheshire East BC	119,632	299,080
Cheshire West and Chester	88,425	221,063
Chesterfield	36,300	90,750
Chichester	129,619	324,048
Chiltern	38,759	96,898
Chorley	15,029	37,573
Christchurch	28,415	71,038
City of London	3,427	8,568
Clackmannanshire	9,981	24,953
Colchester	175,144	437,860
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	9,360	23,400
Conwy	73,428	183,570
Copeland	13,585	33,963
Corby	11,160	27,900
Cornwall	239,989	599,973
Cotswold	21,519	53,798
Coventry	178,636	446,590
Craven	9,105	22,763
Crawley	52,388	130,970
Croydon	269,981	674,953
Dacorum	53,629	134,073
Darlington	45,519	113,798
Dartford	25,507	63,768
Daventry	11,000	27,500
Denbighshire	54,015	135,038
Derby	131,522	328,805
Derbyshire Dales	16,944	42,360
Doncaster	119,583	298,958
Dover	71,209	178,023
Dudley	85,691	214,228
Dumfries and Galloway	45,327	113,318
Dundee	69,850	174,625
Durham	177,361	443,403
Ealing	382,232	955,580
East Ayrshire	20,629	51,573
East Cambridgeshire	17,397	43,493

East Devon	70,921	177,303
East Dorset	32,823	82,058
East Dunbartonshire	29,948	74,870
East Hampshire	23,066	57,665
East Hertfordshire	40,380	100,950
East Lindsey	51,121	127,803
East Lothian	28,932	72,330
East Northamptonshire	13,950	34,875
East Renfrewshire	14,965	37,413
East Riding of Yorkshire	118,224	295,560
East Staffordshire	19,013	47,533
Eastbourne	88,847	222,118
Eastleigh	20,028	50,070
Eden	7,586	18,965
Edinburgh	337,526	843,815
Elmbridge	126,926	317,315
Enfield	275,082	687,705
Epping Forest	29,021	72,553
Epsom and Ewell	32,780	81,950
Erewash	57,531	143,828
Exeter	61,111	152,778
Falkirk	11,150	27,875
Fareham	23,076	57,690
Fenland	23,387	58,468
Fife	95,697	239,243
Flintshire	81,620	204,050
Forest Heath	28,976	72,440
Forest of Dean	24,857	62,143
Fylde	18,603	46,508
Gateshead	60,959	152,398
Gedling	31,470	78,675
Glasgow	1,053,201	2,633,003
Gloucester	43,783	109,458
Gosport	18,358	45,895
Gravesham	22,864	57,160
Great Yarmouth	50,430	126,075
Greenwich	345,536	863,840
Guildford	43,929	109,823
Gwynedd	104,203	260,508
Hackney	292,211	730,528
Halton	39,462	98,655
Hambleton	15,215	38,038
Hammersmith and Fulham	219,084	547,710
Harborough	9,091	22,728
Haringey	366,870	917,175
Harlow	26,087	65,218
Harrogate	57,526	143,815
Harrow	150,295	375,738
Hart	13,872	34,680
Hartlepool	54,136	135,340
Hastings	98,509	246,273
Havant	33,584	83,960
Havering	87,807	219,518

Herefordshire	57,398	143,495
Hertsmere	30,857	77,143
High Peak	38,681	96,703
Highland	54,635	136,588
Hillingdon	170,664	426,660
Hinckley and Bosworth	11,908	29,770
Horsham	34,414	86,035
Hounslow	141,822	354,555
Huntingdonshire	41,422	103,555
Hyndburn	26,747	66,868
Inverclyde	40,548	101,370
Ipswich	94,253	235,633
Isle of Anglesey	28,500	71,250
Isle of Wight	65,820	164,550
Isles of Scilly	56	140
Islington	162,478	406,195
Kensington and Chelsea	463,789	1,159,473
Kettering	24,423	61,058
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	67,455	168,638
Kingston upon Hull	142,018	355,045
Kingston upon Thames	85,704	214,260
Kirklees	239,506	598,765
Knowsley	81,710	204,275
Lambeth	239,142	597,855
Lancaster	41,219	103,048
Leeds	395,448	988,620
Leicester	98,574	246,435
Lewes	58,716	146,790
Lewisham	253,914	634,785
Lichfield	17,300	43,250
Lincoln	68,851	172,128
Liverpool	295,730	739,325
Luton	94,094	235,235
Maidstone	109,924	274,810
Maldon	16,280	40,700
Malvern Hills	17,454	43,635
Manchester	420,570	1,051,425
Mansfield	33,494	83,735
Medway	109,500	273,750
Melton	5,838	14,595
Mendip	40,528	101,320
Merthyr Tydfil	13,722	34,305
Merton	136,336	340,840
Mid Devon	23,919	59,798
Mid Suffolk	22,372	55,930
Mid Sussex	25,054	62,635
Middlesbrough	68,680	171,700
Midlothian	28,151	70,378
Milton Keynes	94,404	236,010
Mole Valley	23,365	58,413
Monmouthshire	28,517	71,293
Moray	9,042	22,605
Neath and Port Talbot	50,901	127,253

New Forest	57,765	144,413
Newark and Sherwood	18,714	46,785
Newcastle under Lyme	21,207	53,018
Newcastle upon Tyne	108,942	272,355
Newham	266,262	665,655
Newport	47,383	118,458
North Ayrshire	49,677	124,193
North Devon	29,766	74,415
North Dorset	13,900	34,750
North East Derby	11,071	27,678
North East Lincoln	73,106	182,765
North Hertfordshire	31,405	78,513
North Kesteven	22,726	56,815
North Lanarkshire	103,420	258,550
North Lincolnshire	48,337	120,843
North Norfolk	31,684	79,210
North Somerset	139,199	347,998
North Tyneside	44,785	111,963
North Warwickshire	22,295	55,738
North West Leicester	9,607	24,018
Northampton	59,354	148,385
Northumberland	78,405	196,013
Norwich	51,735	129,338
Nottingham	119,316	298,290
Nuneaton and Bedworth	46,785	116,963
Oadby and Wigston	11,623	29,058
Oldham	74,457	186,143
Orkney	761	1,903
Oxford	105,520	263,800
Pembrokeshire	45,881	114,703
Pendle	25,350	63,375
Perth and Kinross	19,665	49,163
Peterborough	87,406	218,515
Plymouth	105,430	263,575
Poole	61,443	153,608
Portsmouth	95,125	237,813
Powys	35,891	89,728
Preston	16,590	41,475
Purbeck	13,204	33,010
Reading	102,237	255,593
Redbridge	180,476	451,190
Redcar and Cleveland	46,878	117,195
Redditch	23,013	57,533
Reigate and Banstead	25,106	62,765
Renfrewshire	52,314	130,785
Rhondda Cynon Taff	66,611	166,528
Ribble Valley	5,419	13,548
Richmond upon Thames	137,113	342,783
Richmondshire	10,119	25,298
Rochdale	72,117	180,293
Rochford	32,392	80,980
Rossendale	17,611	44,028
Rother	73,222	183,055

Rotherham	60,313	150,783
Rugby	15,504	38,760
Runnymede	20,996	52,490
Rushcliffe	17,285	43,213
Rushmoor	15,303	38,258
Rutland	9,488	23,720
Ryedale	11,951	29,878
Salford	118,435	296,088
Sandwell	93,222	233,055
Scarborough	54,355	135,888
Scottish Borders	20,927	52,318
Sedgemoor	19,042	47,605
Sefton	87,721	219,303
Selby	12,891	32,228
Sevenoaks	46,746	116,865
Sheffield	121,945	304,863
Shepway	54,651	136,628
Shetland	687	1,718
Shropshire	56,983	142,458
Slough	82,579	206,448
Solihull	71,320	178,300
South Ayrshire	121,673	304,183
South Bucks	27,737	69,343
South Cambridgeshire	34,815	87,038
South Derbyshire	24,691	61,728
South Gloucestershire	93,128	232,820
South Hams	64,755	161,888
South Holland	11,814	29,535
South Kesteven	31,323	78,308
South Lakeland	37,042	92,605
South Lanarkshire	140,212	350,530
South Norfolk	38,317	95,793
South Northamptonshire	8,820	22,050
South Oxfordshire	27,489	68,723
South Ribble	12,121	30,303
South Somerset	64,114	160,285
South Staffordshire	25,825	64,563
South Tyneside	32,866	82,165
Southampton	100,882	252,205
Southend on Sea	137,327	343,318
Southwark	166,711	416,778
Spelthorne	25,811	64,528
St Albans	51,160	127,900
St Edmundsbury	25,431	63,578
St Helens	83,256	208,140
Stafford	17,462	43,655
Staffordshire Moorlands	18,068	45,170
Stevenage	23,941	59,853
Stirling	31,081	77,703
Stockport	134,668	336,670
Stockton on Tees	59,908	149,770
Stoke on Trent	115,860	289,650
Stratford on Avon	90,530	226,325

Stroud	46,922	117,305
Suffolk Coastal	64,334	160,835
Sunderland	87,823	219,558
Surrey Heath	17,589	43,973
Sutton	89,521	223,803
Swale	83,537	208,843
Swansea	85,995	214,988
Swindon	34,974	87,435
Tameside	95,200	238,000
Tamworth	18,457	46,143
Tandridge	29,291	73,228
Taunton Deane	26,726	66,815
Teignbridge	78,045	195,113
Telford and Wrekin	50,859	127,148
Tendring	69,496	173,740
Test Valley	29,957	74,893
Tewkesbury	24,423	61,058
Thanet	75,708	189,270
Three Rivers	30,769	76,923
Thurrock	51,505	128,763
Tonbridge and Malling	32,834	82,085
Torbay	118,503	296,258
Torfaen	56,709	141,773
Torridge	19,795	49,488
Tower Hamlets	218,048	545,120
Trafford	56,239	140,598
Tunbridge Wells	35,904	89,760
Uttlesford	26,386	65,965
Vale of Glamorgan	53,963	134,908
Vale of White Horse	24,533	61,333
Wakefield	136,890	342,225
Walsall	60,411	151,028
Waltham Forest	166,601	416,503
Wandsworth	222,607	556,518
Warrington	51,343	128,358
Warwick	34,532	86,330
Watford	26,008	65,020
Waveney	48,939	122,348
Waverley	42,011	105,028
Wealden	81,775	204,438
Wellingborough	13,158	32,895
Welwyn Hatfield	24,342	60,855
West Berkshire	59,456	148,640
West Devon	22,915	57,288
West Dorset	35,351	88,378
West Dunbartonshire	48,693	121,733
West Lancashire	37,828	94,570
West Lindsey	24,739	61,848
West Lothian	54,512	136,280
West Oxfordshire	23,385	58,463
West Somerset	15,510	38,775
Westminster	1,104,144	2,760,360
Weymouth and Portland	41,842	104,605

Wigan	92,581	231,453
Wiltshire	139,646	349,115
Winchester	20,708	51,770
Windsor and Maidenhead	75,801	189,503
Wirral	282,981	707,453
Woking	33,480	83,700
Wokingham	18,060	45,150
Wolverhampton	98,365	245,913
Worcester	33,726	84,315
Worthing	38,742	96,855
Wrexham	30,031	75,078
Wychavon	25,867	64,668
Wycombe	57,617	144,043
Wyre	36,869	92,173
Wyre Forest	19,382	48,455
York	57,380	143,450