



Department  
for Education

21 March 2019

Dear Colleague

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Early Outcomes Fund** [DfE reference: GR1000744] [MHCLG reference: 31/3646]

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) **The local authorities listed at Annex A**

This letter sets out the purpose and expectations for the Early Outcomes Fund and funding from financial years 2018/19 to 2019/20. In particular: the specific conditions of the project, grant allocations, payment arrangements and reporting arrangements.

Please ensure that this letter is copied to your Chief Finance Officer for info. You should also note that this letter has also been copied to Her Majesty's Treasury and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

**Susie Owen (Deputy Director)**, Early Years: Quality and Outcomes,  
Department for Education

## **Section 31 Grant Determination Letter for the Early Outcomes Fund in 2018-19 and 2019-20:**

**[DfE reference: GR1000744] [MHCLG reference: 31/3646]**

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families (“the Minister”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

### **Citation**

1) This determination may be cited as the Early Outcomes Fund: [DfE reference: GR1000744] [MHCLG reference: 31/3646]

### **Purpose of the grant**

2) The parties intend to perform their obligations in accordance with each Grant Determination Letter’s associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

3) The purpose of the grant is to:

- Provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them for Early Outcomes Fund activities. Funding has been awarded to local authorities in Annex A following a bidding process to support work that will either:
  - kick-off and progress system change that addresses leadership, funding, commissioning, workforces, data, accountability and/or evaluation, with the ultimate aim of improving good early language outcomes in a local area; or
  - assess and codify existing approaches to improvement which are thought to be effective and might be shared more widely.

### **Determination**

4) The Minister determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

### **Payment Arrangements**

5) The grant will be paid to grant recipients via two instalments over two financial years. The first payment will be issued in March 2019 and the second payment will be issued in October 2019.

### **Treasury consent**

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, The Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed on behalf of The Minister by **Susie Owen (Deputy Director)**, Early Years: Quality and Outcomes, Department for Education.

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The Early Years and Schools Group  
**Department for Education**

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**ANNEX A – Total Revenue Funding Allocations for Early Outcomes Fund for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20 [DfE reference: GR100744] [MHCLG reference: 31/3646]**

<b>Authorities to which grant is to be paid</b>	<b>Total Amount to be paid over programme lifetime</b>	<b>Funding - Tranche 1 (FY 18/19)</b>	<b>Funding Tranche 2 (FY 19/20)</b>
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£1,007,627	£432,390	£575,237
Halton Borough Council	£582,750.77	£262,535	£320,215.77
Leicester City Council	£795,065	£341,658	£453,407
Luton Borough Council	£452,000	£205,470	£246,530
Salford City Council	£1,500,000	£680,838	£819,162
Staffordshire County Council	£781,100	£334,110	£446,990
Swindon Borough Council	£765,442	£329,083	£436,359
Wolverhampton City Council	£516,400	£234,471	£281,929