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Date: 15 April 2020

Dear Ms Cadman,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget for Academic Year 2020/21: 31/5012 (DfE Grant Reference: GRx152)**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) **West Midlands Combined Authority**

This letter sets out your devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for Academic Year (AY) 2020/21 to support devolution of adult education functions and associated AEB to the West Midlands Combined Authority. In addition, the letter confirms the amount of devolved AEB you will receive in the financial year 2020-21 (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021).

The grant is provided as a Section 31 non-ring fenced transfer under the Local Government Act 2003.

Amount and purpose of the grant

Your devolved AEB for AY 2020/21 is **£130,614,575** and has been allocated to you for the provision of relevant adult education functions in the West Midlands Combined Authority area for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021.

Payment arrangements

The AY 2020/21 spans two financial years. Therefore, £81,607,986 will be paid in April 2020 for the period 1 August 2020 to March 2021 and £49,006,588 will be paid in April 2021 for the period 1 April 2021 to July 31 2021.

In addition to the £81,607,986 that will be paid in April 2020, a further £46,926,257 will be paid in relation to the AY 2019/20 and for the period 1 April 2020 to July 31 2020 (Grant Determination: 31/3653).

The total amount of grant paid to the West Midlands Combined Authority in the financial year 2020-21 will be **£128,534,243** as set out below:

<b>DfE Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Period covered</b>
<b>April 2020</b>	<b>£128,534,243</b> of which:  £46,926,257 (Devolved AEB for AY 2019/20)  £81,607,986 (Devolved AEB for AY 2020/21)	<b>1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021</b>  1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020  1 August 2020 to 31 March 2021
<b>April 2021</b>	£49,006,588 (Devolved AEB for AY 2020/21)  This is not the final total for FY 2021-22, which will include an amount from the AY 2021/22. This will be confirmed in January 2021 and will be issued under a separate grant letter.	1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021  1 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

### Assurance arrangements

West Midlands Combined Authority must have regard to the National Local Growth Assurance Framework<sup>1</sup>, including Adult Education Budget guidelines. The framework was published in January 2019 by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and clarifies what assurances should be in place when administering adult education functions.

The Department for Education also has an associated Memorandum of Understanding<sup>2</sup> in place with the West Midlands Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions signed by West Midlands Combined Authority in December 2018 and published on GOV.UK on 6 February 2019.

This letter has been copied to the Chief Finance Officer of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

### Enquiries

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-local-growth-assurance-framework>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/devolution-of-adult-education-functions-mous>

Please contact [adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk](mailto:adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk) for further information.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

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Dominic Hastings  
Deputy Director,  
Further Education Funding,  
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## **Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Grant Determination for Academic Year 2020/21: No 31/5012 and GRx152**

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister of State”), 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 Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Determination for academic year 2020/21 [31/5012].

### **Purpose of the grant**

- 2) The purpose of the grant is for provision of relevant adult education functions and towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred through the associated Adult Education Budget.

### **Determination**

- 3) The Minister of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

### **Treasury consent**

- 5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

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Dominic Hastings,  
Deputy Director, Further Education Funding

15/04/2020

### Devolved AEB payments to Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority

Combined Authority	FY 2020-21 payment <sup>1</sup>	FY 2021-22 payment <sup>2</sup>
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£11,778,338	£4,490,758
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) <sup>3</sup>	£313,506,032	£119,531,268
Greater Manchester	£94,733,571	£36,119,317
Liverpool City Region	£52,564,143	£20,041,269
North of Tyne <sup>4</sup>	£14,460,976	£8,683,992
Tees Valley	£30,125,031	£11,485,849
West Midlands	£128,534,243	£49,006,588
West of England	£15,079,025	£5,749,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>£660,781,358</b>	<b>£255,108,261</b>

#### Notes:

1. Total payment for FY 2020-21 includes an amount for AY 2019/20 covering the period 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020 (Grant Determination: 31/3653) and for AY 2020/21, covering the period 1 August 2020 to 31 March 2021 (grant determination: 31/5012).
2. This is not the total payment for FY 2021-22, which will include an amount for the AY 2021/22 covering the period 1 August 2021 to 31 March 2022. This amount will be confirmed in January 2021 and will be issued under a separate grant letter.
3. The Mayor of London's budget allocation for AY2020/21 will be transferred to the Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) in accordance with Section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
4. Devolved AEB to the North of Tyne Combined Authority comes into effect from 1 August 2020. The above FY 2020-21 payment is for AY 2020/21 only, covering the period 1 August 2020 to 31 March 2021.