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20 Great Smith Street
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15 February 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Blackpool Borough Council
Derby City Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Stoke-on-Trent City Council

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Bercow: 10 Years On grant 2018-19
(*JDfE Ref GR1000702; MHCLG 31/3537*)**

This Determination is made between:

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

I am pleased to confirm the details of the Government's offer to the Council following agreement that the grant above should be devolved.

We are devolving this Grant under a Section 31 non-ring fenced transfer (Local Government Finance Act 2003). Our expectation is that the Council will use the funds to support the aims of the Opportunity Areas programme, and in particular the speech, language and communication skills of young people in the area.

The Senior Responsible Owner for this Grant, Hannah Streatfeild, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of each financial year that the funding has been properly expended.

This is a one-off grant, over and above the main Opportunity Area funding.

Purpose of the Grant

The Council can spend this grant to promote activity in the Opportunity Area that will improve the social mobility outcomes of children and young people. But, whilst you may choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need, we expect these funds to be used to promote better speech, language and communication skills among young people in the areas. Detailed proposals have been proposed by each area for this, and we look forward to seeing them taken forward.

New Burdens

The main OA grant referred to above is already being used by the local authorities concerned to pay the salary of the local project manager, who is helping to deliver the OA programme. It can also be used to fund any additional new burdens associated with this new, related grant.

Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education and the Head of Delivery

Formal reporting to the Department for Education on progress is not a condition of this grant. The Department for Education will, however, ask the Council to provide a voluntary end of year return and report confirming activity that has taken place or been funded.

The Department for Education would also be happy to receive any information about effective practice and activity that substantively addresses social mobility across all life stages of children and young people.

This letter has been copied to the Directors of Children's Services in all participating local authorities, Opportunity Area Heads of Delivery, Her Majesty's Treasury and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about the Opportunity Areas, please contact Opportunity.AREAS@education.gov.uk



Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,

Hannah Streatfeild
Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education

Annex A

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

Bercow: 10 Years On GRANT DETERMINATION 2018-19: No 31/3537

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP), 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 Bercow: 10 Years On Grant Determination (2018-19) [31/3537].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Secretary 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 are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education



Hannah Streatfeild, Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education
15 February 2018

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Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Opportunity Area	Amount of grant to be paid
Blackpool Borough Council	Blackpool	£140,000
Derby City Council	Derby	£130,000
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire Coast	£150,000
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	Oldham	£150,000
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Stoke-on-Trent	£80,000