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Date: 10 November 2020

Dear Dr Smith,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget – Implementation Funding for the Period April 2020 to July 2021: 31/5232 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO/IFR3-20/21)**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Education and
- (2) Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (“the Authority”)

I am pleased to be writing to you to confirm the details of the Government’s offer to the Authority in relation to the provision of Implementation Funding for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2021 to support preparation for the devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

We will provide this under a Section 31 non-ringfenced transfer (Local Government Act 2003). We will match the level of funding expended by the Authority in preparation for devolution of the Adult Education Budget for activities such as those described in the Authority’s Business Case, once you have incurred and evidenced these expenses, up to a maximum of £516,548.

The Senior Responsible Owner for this Grant, Dominic Hastings, will expect your responsible officer to confirm that the funding has been properly expended.

### Purpose of the grant

The Department will provide a maximum of £516,548 to support costs associated with implementation of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget, in line with the Authority's Business Case.

### Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education

The Department for Education has an associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place and asks the Authority to complete a 'use of funds' declaration form, confirming the grant received and spent was used wholly for the purposes for which it was given.

The declaration form will be issued by the Department for Education prior to each payment instalment, as noted above and should be signed by the Authority's Accounting Officer.

The Department for Education would also be happy to receive any information about effective practice.

This letter has been copied to the Finance Director of the Authority.

### Enquiries

For all enquiries please contact [Adult.SkillsDevolution@education.gov.uk](mailto:Adult.SkillsDevolution@education.gov.uk)

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Dominic Hastings  
Deputy Director,  
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**Devolution of the Adult Education Budget – Implementation Funding for the Period April 2020 to July 2021: 31/5232 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO/IFR3-20/21)**

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 the Devolution of the Adult Education Budget: Implementation Funding Grant Determination 1 April 2020 to July 31 2021 [31/5232]

**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 Minister of State determines the authority to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid. The authority and the amount are set out in Annex A.

**Payment of Grant**

4) Payment will be made in three instalments:

- **November 2020** for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.
- **May 2021** for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.
- **September 2021** for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020.

**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



Dominic Hastings  
Deputy Director,  
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**ANNEX A**

**Maximum Amount of Implementation Funding Available by Financial Years**

<b>Financial Years</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority</b>	£295,668	£220,880 <sup>(A)</sup>	£516,548

Note:

- A. This amount falls outside the current Spending Review period and the Department is allocating this amount at its own risk.