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Date: 16 September 2020

Dear Colleague,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter Devolution of the Adult Education Budget  
for Academic Year 2020/21 – Additional Funding: No. 31/5164 (DfE Grant  
Reference: GRx152)**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education and**
- (2) **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Greater  
Manchester Combined Authority, Liverpool City Region Combined  
Authority, North of Tyne Combined Authority, Tees Valley Combined  
Authority, West Midlands Combined Authority and West of England  
Mayoral Combined Authority**

This letter sets out your additional devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for the 2020/21 academic year (AY) and confirms the amount you will receive for the 2020-21 financial year (FY).

We are providing this grant as a Section 31 non-ring fenced transfer under the Local Government Act 2003.

#### Amount and purpose of the grant

The additional devolved AEB for AY 2020/21 that has been allocated to you is detailed in Annex A. It forms part of the Department's COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package and wider Government plans to protect, support and create jobs and in turn, to boost the economy.

The separate funding letter issued to you on 23 July 2020 refers and provides for further information.

### Payment arrangements

The 2020/21 AY spans two financial years and your additional devolved AEB will be paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be paid in September 2020 and is for the 2020-21 FY. The second instalment will be paid in April 2021 along with your overall devolved AEB for 2021-22 FY. Please refer to Annex A.

### Arrangements for keeping in touch

Building on existing collaborative arrangements we would like to continue to keep each other updated on progress, including meeting regularly through the continuation of our COVID-19 meetings.

In addition, and as part of our existing assurance arrangements, you must have regard to the National Local Growth Assurance Framework<sup>1</sup>, including the AEB 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 in place with each Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions.

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

### Enquiries

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hastings', written in a cursive style.

Dominic Hastings,  
Deputy Director,  
Further Education Funding,  
Post 16 Strategy Unit,  
Higher and Further Education Directorate.

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

## **Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Grant Determination for Academic Year 2020/21 – Additional Funding: No. 31/5164 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 – Additional Funding [31/5164].

### **Purpose of the grant**

- 2) The purpose of the grant is for additional provision of relevant adult education functions in response to the impact of COVID-19 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:



Dominic Hastings,  
Deputy Director,  
Further Education Funding,  
Post 16 Strategy Unit,  
Higher and Further Education Directorate.

16/09/2020

**Additional Devolved AEB payments to Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority for the 2020/21 Academic Year**

	2020/21 Academic Year		
	Total	2020-21 FY	2021-22 FY
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£486,297	£305,723	£180,574
Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London)	£12,943,836	£8,137,485	£4,806,351
Greater Manchester	£3,911,300	£2,458,942	£1,452,358
Liverpool City Region	£2,170,234	£1,364,375	£805,859
North of Tyne	£959,064	£602,942	£356,122
Tees Valley	£1,243,783	£781,937	£461,846
West Midlands	£5,306,839	£3,336,285	£1,970,554
West of England	£622,573	£391,397	£231,176
<b>MCA/GLA Total</b>	<b>£27,643,926</b>	<b>£17,379,086</b>	<b>£10,264,840</b>

Notes:

1. The payment against the 2020-21 FY is in addition to the amount of devolved AEB paid in April 2020.
2. The payment against the 2021-22 FY and covering the period 1 April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 will form part of the overall devolved AEB payment for 2021-22 FY.
3. In addition, funding against the 2021-22 FY falls outside the current Spending Review period and the Department is allocating this amount at its own risk. Confirmation will be provided in January 2021 and will be issued under a separate grant letter.
4. The Mayor of London's budget allocation for 2020/21 AY 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. All other budget allocations to MCAs as outlined above will be transferred in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.