

Draft – Local Authority Better Care Grant (Revenue) Grant Determination (2025-26) X

The Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution ("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 Local Authority Better Care Grant (Revenue) Grant Determination (2025-26): **x**

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 authorities to which the grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid as set out in Annex A of this determination.
4. The grant will be paid in monthly instalments.

Grant conditions

5. Pursuant to section 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

6. 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 Local Government and English Devolution

X, Deputy Director
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
April 2025

**Annex A: Local Authority Better Care Grant allocations to local authorities
2025-26**

Authorities to which grant is to be paid:

ONS Code	Local Authority*	Local Authority Better Care Grant 2025-26 £ (post pilot surrenders)
E09000002	Barking And Dagenham	£13,208,845
E09000003	Barnet	£11,869,721
E08000016	Barnsley	£16,593,508
E06000022	Bath And North East Somerset	£6,048,668
E06000055	Bedford	£4,200,391
E09000004	Bexley	£8,162,090
E08000025	Birmingham	£83,788,421
E06000008	Blackburn with Darwen	£10,299,963
E06000009	Blackpool	£13,416,486
E08000001	Bolton	£18,350,955
E06000058	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£16,578,901
E06000036	Bracknell Forest	£1,881,185
E08000032	Bradford	£28,853,301
E09000005	Brent	£16,462,867
E06000043	Brighton And Hove	£11,669,360
E06000023	Bristol	£20,991,682
E09000006	Bromley	£9,536,854
E08000002	Bury	£9,410,943
E06000060	Buckinghamshire Council	£6,218,686
E08000033	Calderdale	£10,407,683
E09000007	Camden	£15,882,256
E06000056	Central Bedfordshire	£3,432,402
E06000049	Cheshire East	£10,740,119
E06000050	Cheshire West and Chester	£13,354,408
E09000001	City of London	£399,287
E06000052	Cornwall	£30,047,566
E08000026	Coventry	£19,476,258
E09000008	Croydon	£12,309,639
E06000005	Darlington	£5,536,853
E06000015	Derby	£14,859,501
E08000017	Doncaster	£20,121,535
E06000059	Dorset Council	£15,359,816

E08000027	Dudley	£20,513,001
E06000047	Durham	£38,079,331
E09000009	Ealing	£15,642,271
E06000011	East Riding of Yorkshire	£14,336,626
E09000010	Enfield	£14,465,962
E08000037	Gateshead	£14,047,284
E09000011	Greenwich	£19,040,576
E09000012	Hackney	£20,524,155
E06000006	Halton	***
E09000013	Hammersmith And Fulham	£12,370,241
E09000014	Haringey	£12,097,802
E09000015	Harrow	£8,220,566
E06000001	Hartlepool	£6,610,259
E09000016	Havering	£8,419,703
E06000019	Herefordshire	£8,367,748
E09000017	Hillingdon	£9,212,761
E09000018	Hounslow	£10,084,273
E06000046	Isle of Wight	£7,624,182
E06000053	Isles of Scilly	£100,531
E09000019	Islington	£17,889,241
E09000020	Kensington And Chelsea	£9,452,257
E06000010	Kingston upon Hull	£22,107,781
E09000021	Kingston upon Thames	£2,269,755
E08000034	Kirklees	£21,986,072
E08000011	Knowsley	***
E09000022	Lambeth	£18,438,851
E08000035	Leeds	£39,033,964
E06000016	Leicester	£21,658,791
E09000023	Lewisham	£18,433,042
E08000012	Liverpool	***
E06000032	Luton	£9,228,934
E08000003	Manchester	£39,167,984
E06000035	Medway	£9,015,012
E09000024	Merton	£6,180,261
E06000002	Middlesbrough	£10,666,099
E06000042	Milton Keynes	£7,619,294
E08000021	Newcastle upon Tyne	£20,816,232
E09000025	Newham	£21,209,860
E06000012	North East Lincolnshire	£9,941,576

E06000013	North Lincolnshire	£8,928,935
E06000061	North Northamptonshire	£14,216,044
E06000024	North Somerset	£8,618,198
E08000022	North Tyneside	£11,816,669
E06000057	Northumberland	£15,415,560
E06000018	Nottingham	£20,482,287
E08000004	Oldham	£13,801,769
E06000031	Peterborough	£9,227,636
E06000026	Plymouth	£15,955,053
E06000044	Portsmouth	£10,629,853
E06000038	Reading	£3,321,794
E09000026	Redbridge	£12,437,006
E06000003	Redcar And Cleveland	£8,546,817
E09000027	Richmond upon Thames	£957,855
E08000005	Rochdale	£15,146,903
E08000018	Rotherham	£17,864,126
E06000017	Rutland	£269,948
E08000006	Salford	£17,378,954
E08000028	Sandwell	£28,400,710
E08000014	Sefton	***
E08000019	Sheffield	£36,133,777
E06000051	Shropshire	£14,635,454
E06000039	Slough	£4,921,597
E08000029	Solihull	£7,953,413
E06000025	South Gloucestershire	£5,715,118
E08000023	South Tyneside	£12,935,004
E06000045	Southampton	£13,206,113
E06000033	Southend-on-Sea	£9,619,493
E09000028	Southwark	£22,017,633
E08000013	St. Helens	***
E08000007	Stockport	£11,980,460
E06000004	Stockton-on-Tees	£8,847,725
E06000021	Stoke-on-Trent	£18,995,656
E08000024	Sunderland	£23,049,520
E09000029	Sutton	£5,017,371
E06000030	Swindon	£6,656,221
E08000008	Tameside	£15,525,894
E06000020	Telford And Wrekin	£9,651,647
E06000034	Thurrock	£6,870,843

E06000027	Torbay	£10,902,595
E09000030	Tower Hamlets	£20,738,289
E08000009	Trafford	£10,146,165
E08000036	Wakefield	£21,493,482
E08000030	Walsall	£17,494,592
E09000031	Waltham Forest	£11,703,015
E09000032	Wandsworth	£20,954,056
E06000007	Warrington	£7,662,183
E06000037	West Berkshire	£994,949
E09000033	Westminster	£21,772,954
E08000010	Wigan	£20,680,053
E06000054	Wiltshire	£12,635,308
E06000040	Windsor And Maidenhead	£2,783,624
E08000015	Wirral	***
E06000041	Wokingham	£582,082
E08000031	Wolverhampton	£18,210,314
E06000014	York	£6,623,293
E06000062	West Northamptonshire	£12,421,804
E06000063	Cumberland	£18,031,737
E06000064	Westmorland and Furness	£11,477,813
E06000065	North Yorkshire	£21,377,481
E06000066	Somerset	£28,833,950
E10000003	Cambridgeshire	£18,716,293
E10000007	Derbyshire	£44,082,098
E10000008	Devon	£35,932,731
E10000011	East Sussex	£26,865,023
E10000012	Essex	£57,218,051
E10000013	Gloucestershire	£24,703,722
E10000014	Hampshire	£38,588,303
E10000015	Hertfordshire	£29,058,952
E10000016	Kent	£61,701,293
E10000017	Lancashire	£67,786,094
E10000018	Leicestershire	£21,824,275
E10000019	Lincolnshire	£42,261,258
E10000020	Norfolk	£48,875,999
E10000024	Nottinghamshire	£38,145,311
E10000025	Oxfordshire	£13,206,730
E10000028	Staffordshire	£40,352,013
E10000029	Suffolk	£35,785,577

E10000030	Surrey	£14,074,074
E10000031	Warwickshire	£18,669,385
E10000032	West Sussex	£25,429,106
E10000034	Worcestershire	£23,469,793
	England TOTAL	£2,515,757,304

Allocations may not sum to exact totals due to rounding.

*Funding paid to local authorities with responsibility for adult social care only

***The total Local Authority Better Care Grant allocation for Liverpool City Region councils (£124,066,720) has been devolved as a part of the Business Rates Retention pilots and will not need to be paid out

Annex B – GRANT CONDITIONS

1. In this Annex:

- a. "a recipient authority" means a local authority listed in Annex A to this determination;
- b. "the Department" means the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government;
- c. "the Minister" means the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution

Use of grant

2. Grant paid to a recipient authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes of;

- a. meeting adult social care needs;
- b. supporting people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready (including supporting the principles of 'Discharge to Assess');
- c. ensuring that the social care provider market is supported.

3. A recipient authority must:

- a. pool the grant funding into the local Better Care Fund, unless the authority has written Ministerial exemption;
- b. working with the relevant Integrated Care Board, meet the objectives and National Conditions set out in the 2025 to 2026 Better Care Fund Policy Framework and Planning Requirements;
- c. plan and report on spend as required, through the Better Care Fund planning and reporting process, as set out in the 2025 to 2026 BCF Policy Framework and Planning Requirements.

Financial Management

4. A recipient authority must maintain a sound system of internal financial controls.

5. If a recipient authority has any grounds for suspecting financial irregularity in the use of any grant paid under this funding agreement, it must notify the Department immediately, explain what steps are being taken to investigate the suspicion and keep the Department informed about the progress of the investigation. For these purposes "financial irregularity" includes fraud or other impropriety, mismanagement, and the use of grant for purposes other than those for which it was provided.

Breach of Conditions and Recovery of Grant

6. If a recipient authority fails to comply with any of these conditions, or if any overpayment is made under this grant or any amount is paid in error, the Minister may reduce, suspend or withhold grant payments or require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid, as may be determined by the Minister and notified in writing to the authority.
7. Such sum as has been notified will immediately become repayable to the Minister who may set off the sum against any future amount due to the authority from central government.

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