



Local Authority

21 July 2025

Dear Chief Executive,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Family Hubs Transformation Fund – Capital (2025-26): [No 31/7933] and G2-SCH-2022-01-11080

This Determination is made between:

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

We are issuing this Capital Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Senior Responsible Officers for this grant, Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of the financial year (FY) that the funding has been properly expended.

Purpose of the grant

The Family Hubs Transformation Fund (TF1) is overseen by the Department for Education (DfE).

The funding for FY 2025–26 allows the opportunity for local authorities to consolidate, embed and enhance their family hub network.

Full details of the Programme aims and objectives and the expectations that local authorities are expected to deliver with this funding are set out in the updated Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide: [Family Hubs and Start for Life programme: local authority guide 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#) and associated Cover Letter issued to TF1 LAs on 25 February 2025.

For FY 2025-26, we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced grant paid in two instalments. Payment will be made pursuant to clause 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding for the programme, made between the Secretary of State and each of the 13 local authorities participating in the Programme (the “MOU”).

Please ensure that this letter is copied to your Chief Finance Officer for information. You should also note that this letter has also been copied to His Majesty’s Treasury and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in red ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Charlotte Hollom' and the second, on the right, is 'Laura Street'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

CAPITAL grant determination (non-ringfenced)**FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND CAPITAL GRANT
DETERMINATION 2025-26: [No 31/7933] and G2-SCH-2022-01-
11080**

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP) (the “Secretary 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 Family Hubs Transformation Fund Capital Grant Determination (2025-26) [No 31/7933].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to the eligible English local authorities specified in Annex A to support them in meeting expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them to deliver the expectations set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide and Cover Letter.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines that the local authorities who are eligible to receive grant funding for FY 2025-26, and the **maximum amounts** of grant funding those local authorities could receive, is specified in Annex A.

Grant conditions

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

Treasury consent

5) Before making the determination specified in paragraph 3, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education



Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

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**ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26:
[No 31/7933] and G2-SCH-2022-01-11080**

Local authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Maximum payment 1 <i>Anticipate payment in Q1 / Q2 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i>	Maximum payment 2 <i>Anticipate payment in Q3 / Q4 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i>	Maximum payment for financial year 2025-26
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£51,000	£51,000	£102,000
Brighton and Hove City Council	£41,700	£41,700	£83,400
Cheshire East Council	£52,350	£52,350	£104,700
City of York Council	£37,250	£37,250	£74,500
Cumberland Council	£41,700	£41,700	£83,400
Dorset Council	£47,050	£47,050	£94,100
Leicestershire County Council	£77,300	£77,300	£154,600
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	£34,500	£34,500	£69,000
London Borough of Merton Council	£39,750	£39,750	£79,500
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£40,350	£40,350	£80,700
Stockport Council	£45,900	£45,900	£91,800
Westmorland and Furness Council	£37,200	£37,200	£74,400
Wirral Council	£46,800	£46,800	£93,600

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS TRANSFORMATION FUND CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26: [No 31/7933]

GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
2. The Chief Executive, or S151 / S73 Officer, or an equivalent with an appropriate level of delegated authority of the recipient authority is required to sign and return to the Department for Education (“DfE”) a declaration, as part of the Statement of Grant Usage to be received no later than the date communicated by the DfE, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to [insert name of grant determination] No 31/7933 have been complied with”.

This declaration is part of the Certificate of Grant Usage.

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Secretary of State may
 - a) reduce, suspend or withhold Grant; or
 - b) by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the Grant.
4. Any sum notified by the Secretary of State under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Secretary of State.