



Department for Education

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Combined Authority

Cornwall Council
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Date: 7 April 2025

Dear Colleague,

**Re: S31 Revenue Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult
Education Budget for Financial Year 2025-26: No. 31/7825 (DfE Grant
Reference: AEBDEVO-2025-26)**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Education** and
- (2) **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Cornwall Council
East Midlands Combined County Authority
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
North East Combined Authority
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
Tees Valley Combined Authority
West Yorkshire Combined Authority
West of England Mayoral Combined Authority
York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority**

This letter confirms the amount of devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) you will receive in the financial year (FY) 2025-26 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026) to deliver relevant adult education functions in your devolved area.

Payment arrangements

Your total devolved AEB for FY 2025-26 is set out in the table in Annex A and will be paid by mid-April 2025.

We are providing this grant as a Section 31 (S31) non-ring-fenced transfer under the Local Government Act 2003 and have copied this grant letter to the Chief Finance Officer of your Combined Authority for information.

Assurance arrangements

Your Combined Authority must have regard to the English Devolution Accountability Framework¹ and the National Local Growth Assurance Framework², including Adult Education Budget guidelines. The current version of the framework was published in September 2021 by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and clarifies what assurances should be in place when administering adult education functions.

In addition, the Department for Education also has an associated Memorandum of Understanding in place with your Combined Authority in relation to the devolution of adult education functions.

Enquiries

Please contact adult.skillsdevolution@education.gov.uk for further information.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Bo Emecheta
Deputy Director
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¹ [English Devolution Accountability Framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-accountability-framework)

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-local-growth-assurance-framework>

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Devolution of the Adult Education Budget for Financial Year 20254-26: No 31/7825 (DfE Grant Reference: AEBDEVO-25-26)

The Secretary of State for Education (“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 Devolution of the Adult Education Budget Determination for financial year 2025-26 [31/7825].

Purpose of the grant

- 2) The purpose of the grant is for provision of relevant adult education functions and towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred through the associated Adult Education Budget.

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 set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

- 4) Before making this determination in relation to the Mayoral Combined Authorities specified in Annex A, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education,



Bo Emecheta
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Devolved AEB Payments to Specified Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority

Table covering Financial Year 2025-26

Combined Authority	Apr 25 - Jul 25	Aug 25 - Mar 26	Total
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£4,020,706	£7,826,182	£11,846,888
Greater London Authority	£106,836,455	£207,953,892	£314,790,348
Liverpool City Region	£17,911,083	£34,863,375	£52,774,458
North East	£21,440,246	£42,000,360	£63,440,607
South Yorkshire	£13,462,133	£26,203,631	£39,665,764
Tees Valley	£10,263,505	£19,977,598	£30,241,103
West Yorkshire	£22,296,420	£43,399,300	£65,695,721
West of England	£5,142,952	£10,010,599	£15,153,551
East Midlands	£0	£33,655,717	£33,655,717
York and North Yorks	£0	£6,690,813	£6,690,813
Cornwall	£0	£6,406,183	£6,406,183

Table covering Academic Year 2025/26

Combined Authority	Aug 25 - Mar 26	Apr 26 - Jul 26	Total
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	£7,826,182	£3,913,091	£11,739,272
Greater London Authority	£207,953,892	£103,976,946	£311,930,838
Liverpool City Region	£34,863,375	£17,431,687	£52,295,062
North East	£42,000,360	£21,000,180	£63,000,541
South Yorkshire	£26,203,631	£13,101,815	£39,305,446
Tees Valley	£19,977,598	£9,988,799	£29,966,397
West Yorkshire	£43,399,300	£21,699,650	£65,098,950
West of England	£10,010,599	£5,005,299	£15,015,898
East Midlands	£33,655,717	£17,102,763	£50,758,480
York and North Yorks	£6,690,813	£3,419,819	£10,110,632
Cornwall	£6,406,183	£3,251,080	£9,657,263

Notes:

1. This is not the total amount of funding that you will receive for FY 2026-27. Your payment will also include an amount from the academic year (AY) 2026/27. We will confirm this amount in January 2026 and it will be issued under a separate S31 Grant Determination Letter.
2. The Mayor of London's grant allocation will be transferred to the Greater London Authority (on behalf of the Mayor of London) under separate arrangements in accordance with Section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It is being referenced here for completeness.
3. For clarity and accessibility two tables are included here. Some of the same data is included in both tables (e.g. Aug to Mar funding figures)