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Discretionary Housing Payments Government contribution for 2010/11

Introduction

- 1 This circular gives details of each local authority's (LA's) government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for 2010/11.

Background

- 2 Since 2 July 2001, DHPs have allowed authorities to help those entitled to HB or CTB who, in their opinion, require further financial assistance with housing costs. The relevant regulations are the *Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001 [SI 2001/1167]*.
- 3 The financial arrangements are covered in the *Discretionary Housing Payments (Grants) Order 2001*, which also came into effect on 2 July 2001 [*SI 2001/2340*]. This Order
 - covers such issue as
 - how authorities should submit claims
 - record-keeping and audit requirements
 - re-imbusement of DHPS, and
 - sets the overall limit on expenditure at 2.5x each authority's contribution from central Government

Distribution of the government contribution and upper limit for 2010/11

- 4 For 2010/11, the overall financial limit has been set at £50m, of which £20m is made up of the government contribution. This means the amounts remain unchanged from 2009/10.
- 5 The distribution formula is intended, as far as possible, to target resources according to need. Each authority's allocation is based on the mid-point between its DHP spend for the latest year for which we have reliable data and its contribution for that year.
- 6 So, for example, if the LA had a contribution of £5,000 and spent £4,000, it would be allocated £4,500. And if it had spent £7,000, it would be allocated £6,000.

Note: This year, allocating the mid-point to each LA exceeded the £20 million funding available by around £1.2m. As the funding is restricted to £20 million, we removed a proportion of this excess from each LA, based on each LAs proportion of overall DHP spend.

- 7 Local Authority Associations (LAAs) raised concerns that the current DHP formula may not be responsive to the Broad Rental Market boundary changes arising from the reviews by the national rent services completed in 2008. We therefore undertook to carry out a review of the distribution formula with LAA representatives before 2010/11.

Review of discretionary housing payments formula

- 8 DWP and the LAAs considered the introduction of the new distribution formula which had been previously proposed. However, as some of the relevant data elements had not yet undergone rigorous testing, it was felt that the data could not be used for this purpose at this time. Therefore, the existing formula will continue to be used for the 2010/11 distribution.
- 9 *Appendix A* shows each authority's allocation and upper spending limit for 2010/11 based on the existing formula.

Allocation of £20m fund for Discretionary Housing Payments

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Aberdeen	63,705	159,263
Aberdeenshire	19,695	49,238
Adur	11,106	27,765
Allerdale	4,252	10,630
Amber Valley	20,466	51,165
Angus	29,453	73,633
Argyll Bute	34,224	85,560
Arun	47,540	118,850
Ashfield	58,003	145,008
Ashford	28,800	72,000
Aylesbury Vale	18,584	46,460
Babergh	20,881	52,203
Barking	130,617	326,543
Barnet	212,063	530,158
Barnsley	33,498	83,745
Barrow In Furness	8,945	22,363
Basildon	35,793	89,483
Basingstoke	16,431	41,078
Bassetlaw	7,429	18,573
Bath and NE Somerset	64,311	160,778
Bedford	57,445	143,613
Bexley	56,381	140,953
Birmingham	671,002	1,677,505
Blaby	14,191	35,478
Blackburn	44,552	111,380
Blackpool	102,072	255,180
Blaenau Gwent	21,549	53,873
Bolsover	3,006	7,515
Bolton	76,236	190,590
Borough of Poole	44,899	112,248
Boston	3,564	8,910
Bournemouth	61,504	153,760
Bracknell	9,626	24,065
Braintree	24,831	62,078
Breckland	49,295	123,238
Brent	225,746	564,365
Brentwood	16,804	42,010
Bridgend	45,800	114,500
Brighton and Hove	275,283	688,208
Bristol	142,965	357,413
Broadland	12,121	30,303
Bromley	69,907	174,768
Bromsgrove	7,032	17,580

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Broxbourne	26,367	65,918
Broxtowe	11,751	29,378
Burnley	19,109	47,773
Bury	66,894	167,235
Caerphilly	18,121	45,303
Calderdale	35,939	89,848
Cambridge	25,274	63,185
Camden	164,774	411,935
Cannock Chase	6,529	16,323
Canterbury	29,297	73,243
Cardiff	242,693	606,733
Carlisle	9,782	24,455
Carmarthenshire	44,569	111,423
Castle Point	21,226	53,065
Central Bedfordshire	28,249	70,623
Ceredigion	61,446	153,615
Charnwood	13,902	34,755
Chelmsford	30,937	77,343
Cheltenham	13,990	34,975
Cherwell	68,364	170,910
Cheshire East	83,450	208,625
Cheshire West and Chester	54,590	136,475
Chesterfield	26,560	66,400
Chichester	119,851	299,628
Chiltern	31,721	79,303
Chorley	9,194	22,985
Christchurch	18,153	45,383
City of Bradford	118,307	295,768
City of London	1,808	4,520
City of Westminster	225,955	564,888
Clackmannanshire	9,953	24,883
Colchester	160,835	402,088
Comhairle	7,075	17,688
Conwy	45,086	112,715
Copeland	9,145	22,863
Corby	4,996	12,490
Cornwall	206,202	515,505
Cotswold	13,476	33,690
Coventry	105,458	263,645
Craven	8,713	21,783
Crawley	37,114	92,785
Croydon	168,515	421,288
Dacorum	48,561	121,403
Darlington	32,485	81,213
Dartford	14,833	37,083
Daventry	4,638	11,595
Denbighshire	36,049	90,123
Derby	113,641	284,103
Derbyshire Dales	11,857	29,643

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Doncaster	65,676	164,190
Dover	54,500	136,250
Dudley	53,026	132,565
Dumfries and Galloway	37,808	94,520
Dundee	37,519	93,798
Durham	104,300	260,750
Ealing	224,637	561,593
East Ayrshire	15,085	37,713
East Cambridgeshire	14,286	35,715
East Devon	59,286	148,215
East Dorset	22,149	55,373
East Dunbartonshire	29,910	74,775
East Hampshire	17,766	44,415
East Hertfordshire	33,168	82,920
East Lindsey	29,174	72,935
East Lothian	23,232	58,080
East Northampton	6,634	16,585
East Renfrewshire	10,856	27,140
East Riding	62,947	157,368
East Staffordshire	7,383	18,458
Eastbourne	65,883	164,708
Eastleigh	10,369	25,923
Eden	3,715	9,288
Edinburgh	299,416	748,540
Elmbridge	113,645	284,113
Enfield	147,185	367,963
Epping Forest	19,941	49,853
Epsom and Ewell	22,555	56,388
Erewash	42,767	106,918
Exeter	45,263	113,158
Falkirk	5,775	14,438
Fareham	17,666	44,165
Fenland	11,048	27,620
Fife	67,383	168,458
Flintshire	44,932	112,330
Forest Heath	22,258	55,645
Forest of Dean	16,710	41,775
Fylde	9,118	22,795
Gateshead	37,108	92,770
Gedling	10,534	26,335
Glasgow	999,522	2,498,805
Gloucester	24,591	61,478
Gosport	8,603	21,508
Gravesham	10,717	26,793
Great Yarmouth	44,788	111,970
Greenwich	315,722	789,305
Guildford	24,206	60,515
Gwynedd	76,172	190,430
Hackney	128,907	322,268

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Halton	32,550	81,375
Hambleton	11,009	27,523
Hammersmith	127,007	317,518
Harborough	5,826	14,565
Haringey	280,970	702,425
Harlow	15,736	39,340
Harrogate	39,136	97,840
Harrow	101,110	252,775
Hart	9,470	23,675
Hartlepool	37,854	94,635
Hastings	64,514	161,285
Havant	24,487	61,218
Havering	47,239	118,098
Herefordshire	41,149	102,873
Hertsmere	19,453	48,633
High Peak	29,944	74,860
Highland	48,323	120,808
Hillingdon	111,180	277,950
Hinckley and Bosworth	8,934	22,335
Horsham	26,842	67,105
Hounslow	76,337	190,843
Huntingdon	31,770	79,425
Hyndburn	21,296	53,240
Inverclyde	30,079	75,198
Ipswich	76,581	191,453
Isle of Anglesey	17,276	43,190
Isle of Wight	31,130	77,825
Isles of Scilly	56	140
Islington	85,827	214,568
Kensington and Chelsea	152,893	382,233
Kettering	18,336	45,840
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	47,345	118,363
Kingston Upon Hull	93,568	233,920
Kingston Upon Thames	46,668	116,670
Kirklees	141,702	354,255
Knowsley	48,329	120,823
Lambeth	133,634	334,085
Lancaster	19,609	49,023
Leeds	308,138	770,345
Leicester	71,212	178,030
Lewes	32,944	82,360
Lewisham	136,025	340,063
Lichfield	17,268	43,170
Lincoln	68,664	171,660
Liverpool	207,979	519,948
Luton	51,204	128,010
Maidstone	91,226	228,065
Maldon	6,609	16,523
Malvern Hills	14,388	35,970

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Manchester	334,340	835,850
Mansfield	20,673	51,683
Medway Towns	56,752	141,880
Melton	3,102	7,755
Mendip	26,750	66,875
Merthyr Tydfil	9,253	23,133
Merton	101,712	254,280
Mid Devon	26,706	66,765
Mid Suffolk	14,058	35,145
Mid Sussex	20,081	50,203
Middlesbrough	42,725	106,813
Midlothian	21,946	54,865
Milton Keynes	41,116	102,790
Mole Valley	19,306	48,265
Monmouthshire	23,166	57,915
Moray	7,764	19,410
Neath Port Talbot	28,961	72,403
New Forest	45,959	114,898
Newark	9,760	24,400
Newcastle Under Lyme	7,943	19,858
Newcastle Upon Tyne	88,387	220,968
Newham	238,403	596,008
Newport	26,351	65,878
North Ayrshire	42,613	106,533
North Devon	16,652	41,630
North Dorset	9,814	24,535
North East Derby	6,909	17,273
North East Lincoln	44,103	110,258
North Hertfordshire	27,849	69,623
North Kesteven	15,612	39,030
North Lanarkshire	76,807	192,018
North Lincolnshire	34,916	87,290
North Norfolk	32,237	80,593
North Somerset	115,238	288,095
North Tyneside	26,262	65,655
North Warwickshire	14,152	35,380
North West Leicester	5,401	13,503
Northampton	42,665	106,663
Northumberland	64,163	160,408
Norwich	29,654	74,135
Nottingham	55,762	139,405
Nuneaton	36,488	91,220
Oadby and Wigston	8,855	22,138
Oldham	37,530	93,825
Orkney	598	1,495
Oxford	81,702	204,255
Pembrokeshire	22,895	57,238
Pendle	19,402	48,505
Perth and Kinross	9,929	24,823

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Peterborough	51,708	129,270
Plymouth	61,139	152,848
Portsmouth	70,791	176,978
Powys	25,239	63,098
Preston	15,577	38,943
Purbeck	9,137	22,843
Reading	73,246	183,115
Redbridge	96,533	241,333
Redcar and Cleveland	28,548	71,370
Redditch	12,415	31,038
Reigate and Banstead	13,174	32,935
Renfrewshire	40,812	102,030
Rhondda Cynon Taff	25,650	64,125
Ribble Valley	2,520	6,300
Richmondshire	9,360	23,400
Richmond Upon Thames	103,865	259,663
Rochdale	59,488	148,720
Rochford	19,512	48,780
Rossendale	12,913	32,283
Rother	55,404	138,510
Rotherham	38,218	95,545
Rugby	6,557	16,393
Runnymede	14,546	36,365
Rushcliffe	5,793	14,483
Rushmoor	12,152	30,380
Rutland	8,109	20,273
Ryedale	7,433	18,583
Salford	83,011	207,528
Sandwell	40,069	100,173
Scarborough	22,775	56,938
Scottish Borders	15,068	37,670
Sedgemoor	19,004	47,510
Sefton	61,718	154,295
Selby	7,879	19,698
Sevenoaks	37,686	94,215
Sheffield	90,182	225,455
Shepway	33,685	84,213
Shetland	221	553
Shropshire	50,567	126,418
Slough	21,940	54,850
Solihull	42,125	105,313
South Ayrshire	87,083	217,708
South Bucks	13,568	33,920
South Cambridgeshire	24,564	61,410
South Derbyshire	19,468	48,670
South Gloucestershire	66,871	167,178
South Hams	56,478	141,195
South Holland	3,124	7,810
South Kesteven	16,791	41,978

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
South Lakeland	36,938	92,345
South Lanarkshire	135,405	338,513
South Norfolk	28,964	72,410
South Northants	7,981	19,953
South Oxfordshire	22,841	57,103
South Ribble	6,228	15,570
South Somerset	59,862	149,655
South Staffordshire	12,845	32,113
South Tyneside	16,496	41,240
Southampton	57,670	144,175
Southend on Sea	92,866	232,165
Southwark	132,208	330,520
Spelthorne	20,729	51,823
St Albans	44,839	112,098
St Edmundsbury	21,059	52,648
St Helens	51,845	129,613
Stafford	14,188	35,470
Staffordshire Moorlands	11,289	28,223
Stevenage	23,775	59,438
Stirling	29,839	74,598
Stockport	111,684	279,210
Stockton on Tees	23,216	58,040
Stoke on Trent	70,633	176,583
Stratford-on-Avon	76,610	191,525
Stroud	37,755	94,388
Suffolk Coastal	41,096	102,740
Sunderland	41,942	104,855
Surrey Heath	8,659	21,648
Sutton	58,059	145,148
Swale	62,642	156,605
Swansea	67,597	168,993
Swindon	19,667	49,168
Tameside	83,829	209,573
Tamworth	9,297	23,243
Tandridge	25,716	64,290
Taunton Deane	16,644	41,610
Teignbridge	42,883	107,208
Telford and Wrekin	27,094	67,735
Tendring	40,693	101,733
Test Valley	25,917	64,793
Tewkesbury	13,615	34,038
Thanet	29,713	74,283
Three Rivers	28,247	70,618
Thurrock	21,567	53,918
Tonbridge and Malling	24,254	60,635
Torbay	92,474	231,185
Torfaen	26,780	66,950
Torridge	11,806	29,515
Tower Hamlets	132,486	331,215

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Trafford	33,981	84,953
Tunbridge Wells	29,021	72,553
Uttlesford	23,928	59,820
Vale of Glamorgan	26,199	65,498
Vale of White Horse	15,293	38,233
Wakefield	98,083	245,208
Walsall	31,983	79,958
Waltham Forest	153,067	382,668
Wandsworth	82,844	207,110
Warrington	33,505	83,763
Warwick	33,359	83,398
Watford	20,463	51,158
Waveney	37,403	93,508
Waverley	38,433	96,083
Wealden	64,911	162,278
Wellingborough	3,923	9,808
Welwyn Hatfield	19,498	48,745
West Berkshire	46,257	115,643
West Devon	14,267	35,668
West Dorset	26,206	65,515
West Dunbartonshire	48,597	121,493
West Lancashire	28,980	72,450
West Lindsey	15,629	39,073
West Lothian	40,394	100,985
West Oxfordshire	18,818	47,045
West Somerset	9,538	23,845
Weymouth and Portland	24,174	60,435
Wigan	60,907	152,268
Wiltshire	139,342	348,355
Winchester	19,438	48,595
Windsor and Maidenhead	52,350	130,875
Wirral	244,743	611,858
Woking	21,172	52,930
Wokingham	13,815	34,538
Wolverhampton	66,205	165,513
Worcester	17,247	43,118
Worthing	23,226	58,065
Wrexham	13,229	33,073
Wychavon	18,210	45,525
Wycombe	39,641	99,103
Wyre	33,002	82,505
Wyre Forest	12,677	31,693
York	32,754	81,885
TOTAL	20,000,000	50,000,000