

## Housing Benefit Circular

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## Discretionary Housing Payments government contribution for 2015/16

### 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 2015/16.

### Background

- 2 DHP funding was increased in 2013/14 to assist with the impact of the new welfare reforms on benefit claimants. The overall funding for 2015/16 is £125 million. This comprises of funding for four separate areas of support – Core funding, Local Housing Allowance (LHA), Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (RSRS) and benefit cap. The government has previously committed to maintaining the level of funding to support those affected by the RSRS and this will remain at £60 million.
- 3 Distribution of the funding is based on the effect of each element on individual LAs.

### Distribution of the government contribution

- 4 **Core funding (£15 million):** In previous years, up until April 2011, the total DHP funding was distributed based on the mid-point between each LA's spend for the latest year for which we had reliable data and its contribution for that year. So for example, if the LA had a contribution of £50,000 and spent £40,000, it would be allocated £45,000; and if it had spent £70,000 it would be allocated £60,000.
- 5 However, since 2011/12 the increase in overall DHP funding has made it difficult to apply this formula, because there are no past details of the proportion of the overall expenditure that is attributable to core funding. The approach we have adopted for 2015/16 is to pro-rata the £15 million based on the most recent figures available, in respect of the level of expenditure for Housing Benefit (HB) in 2012/13. This approach is based on the [DHP Order 2001 Article 2 \(a\)](#). This has the added advantage of linking DHP funding to need (HB expenditure).
- 6 **LHA reforms (£25 million):** Distribution is based on aggregate losses from the LHA changes in each LA which were used for previous years' allocations. As these aggregate losses were based on the February 2011 caseloads, the distribution of losses has been adjusted to take into account changes in LHA caseloads between February 2011 and August 2014 (the latest available data).
- 7 **Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (£60 million):** The allocation of RSRS DHP funding in 2015/16 will be the same as in previous years. The distribution of £55 million of the funding will be based on the aggregate RSRS losses in each LA area, calculated from the August 2014 official statistics available on numbers of claimants with a deduction and the average weekly deduction. £5 million of the

funding will continue to be distributed to the 21 most sparsely populated LAs, using the same methodology based on aggregate RSRS losses.

- 8 **Benefit cap (£25 million):** The funding available for 2015/16 has been set at £25 million. The allocation of DHP funds for 2015/16 is based on the proportion of all capped funds (savings from the cap) from households capped by more than £50 per week in each LA.

### Queries

- 9 Please ensure that any queries relating to the allocation of the Government contribution towards DHPs are sent, via email, to:

[hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

## Allocation of the £125 million fund for Discretionary Housing Payment 2015/2016

Local authority	Government Contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)
Aberdeen City	£288,745	-
Aberdeenshire	£477,827	-
Adur	£72,249	£180,623
Allerdale	£190,279	£475,698
Amber Valley	£155,207	£388,018
Angus	£331,583	-
Argyll and Bute	£371,352	-
Arun	£173,365	£433,413
Ashfield	£187,121	£467,803
Ashford	£149,212	£373,030
Aylesbury Vale	£192,659	£481,648
Babergh	£83,945	£209,863
Barking and Dagenham	£749,453	£1,873,633
Barnet	£1,263,389	£3,158,473
Barnsley	£460,985	£1,152,463
Barrow-in-Furness	£75,698	£189,245
Basildon	£363,989	£909,973
Basingstoke and Deane	£259,417	£648,543
Bassetlaw	£156,041	£390,103
Bath and North East Somerset	£185,742	£464,355
Bedford	£254,161	£635,403
Bexley	£433,043	£1,082,608
Birmingham	£3,051,683	£7,629,208
Blaby	£47,062	£117,655
Blackburn with Darwen	£296,984	£742,460
Blackpool	£369,724	£924,310
Blaenau Gwent / Blaenau Gwent	£180,566	£451,415
Bolsover	£123,279	£308,198
Bolton	£586,776	£1,466,940
Boston	£84,208	£210,520
Bournemouth	£340,296	£850,740
Bracknell Forest	£126,547	£316,368
Bradford	£890,006	£2,225,015
Braintree	£162,654	£406,635
Breckland	£187,775	£469,438
Brent	£2,606,875	£6,517,188
Brentwood	£58,426	£146,065
Bridgend / Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr	£252,060	£630,150
Brighton and Hove	£611,084	£1,527,710
Bristol, City of	£945,862	£2,364,655
Broadland	£76,039	£190,098
Bromley	£509,406	£1,273,515
Bromsgrove	£57,774	£144,435
Broxbourne	£141,108	£352,770
Broxtowe	£89,873	£224,683
Burnley	£155,940	£389,850
Bury	£250,465	£626,163
Caerphilly / Caerffili	£381,973	£954,933

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Calderdale	£278,211	£695,528
Cambridge	£149,334	£373,335
Camden	£889,647	£2,224,118
Cannock Chase	£93,570	£233,925
Canterbury	£159,534	£398,835
Cardiff / Caerdydd	£815,034	£2,037,585
Carlisle	£155,375	£388,438
Carmarthenshire / Sir Gaerfyrddin	£305,603	£764,008
Castle Point	£85,052	£212,630
Central Bedfordshire	£254,525	£636,313
Ceredigion / Ceredigion	£225,498	£563,745
Charnwood	£137,517	£343,793
Chelmsford	£174,380	£435,950
Cheltenham	£142,971	£357,428
Cherwell	£159,368	£398,420
Cheshire East	£372,854	£932,135
Cheshire West and Chester	£472,924	£1,182,310
Chesterfield	£173,312	£433,280
Chichester	£116,154	£290,385
Chiltern	£65,130	£162,825
Chorley	£114,869	£287,173
Christchurch	£48,223	£120,558
City of London	£21,562	£53,905
Clackmannanshire	£196,236	-
Colchester	£239,924	£599,810
Conwy / Conwy	£153,656	£384,140
Copeland	£171,252	£428,130
Corby	£128,675	£321,688
Cornwall	£664,024	£1,660,060
Cotswold	£79,665	£199,163
County Durham	£981,783	£2,454,458
Coventry	£619,313	£1,548,283
Craven	£125,880	£314,700
Crawley	£196,609	£491,523
Croydon	£1,201,438	£3,003,595
Dacorum	£233,999	£584,998
Darlington	£150,935	£377,338
Dartford	£101,075	£252,688
Daventry	£88,080	£220,200
Denbighshire / Sir Ddinbych	£158,793	£396,983
Derby	£475,669	£1,189,173
Derbyshire Dales	£63,082	£157,705
Doncaster	£570,107	£1,425,268
Dover	£156,875	£392,188
Dudley	£569,990	£1,424,975
Dumfries and Galloway	£688,364	-
Dundee City	£412,411	-
Ealing	£1,904,697	£4,761,743
East Ayrshire	£305,931	-
East Cambridgeshire	£77,998	£194,995
East Devon	£101,211	£253,028
East Dorset	£64,218	£160,545
East Dunbartonshire	£82,691	-

East Hampshire	£87,347	£218,368
East Hertfordshire	£124,641	£311,603
East Lindsey	£185,225	£463,063
East Lothian	£106,448	-
East Northamptonshire	£91,995	£229,988
East Renfrewshire	£59,864	-
East Riding of Yorkshire	£287,614	£719,035
East Staffordshire	£126,551	£316,378
Eastbourne	£162,574	£406,435
Eastleigh	£134,446	£336,115
Eden	£169,040	£422,600
Edinburgh, City of	£1,343,558	-
Eilean Siar	£103,909	-
Elmbridge	£137,381	£343,453
Enfield	£1,626,073	£4,065,183
Epping Forest	£123,215	£308,038
Epsom and Ewell	£77,791	£194,478
Erewash	£132,345	£330,863
Exeter	£145,164	£362,910
Falkirk	£257,649	-
Fareham	£60,382	£150,955
Fenland	£118,088	£295,220
Fife	£705,090	-
Flintshire / Sir y Fflint	£208,883	£522,208
Forest Heath	£65,655	£164,138
Forest of Dean	£87,579	£218,948
Fylde	£67,102	£167,755
Gateshead	£426,183	£1,065,458
Gedling	£101,831	£254,578
Glasgow City	£1,651,754	-
Gloucester	£185,753	£464,383
Gosport	£107,916	£269,790
Gravesham	£176,894	£442,235
Great Yarmouth	£172,367	£430,918
Greenwich	£729,275	£1,823,188
Guildford	£130,900	£327,250
Gwynedd / Gwynedd	£620,483	£1,551,208
Hackney	£1,507,187	£3,767,968
Halton	£343,725	£859,313
Hambleton	£78,920	£197,300
Hammersmith and Fulham	£787,958	£1,969,895
Harborough	£46,343	£115,858
Haringey	£1,485,882	£3,714,705
Harlow	£173,789	£434,473
Harrogate	£109,387	£273,468
Harrow	£677,094	£1,692,735
Hart	£47,805	£119,513
Hartlepool	£286,417	£716,043
Hastings	£230,368	£575,920
Havant	£151,713	£379,283
Havering	£379,580	£948,950
Herefordshire, County of	£195,709	£489,273
Hertsmere	£170,604	£426,510

High Peak	£71,857	£179,643
Highland	£1,189,515	-
Hillingdon	£673,124	£1,682,810
Hinckley and Bosworth	£78,129	£195,323
Horsham	£102,036	£255,090
Hounslow	£714,467	£1,786,168
Huntingdonshire	£161,238	£403,095
Hyndburn	£118,746	£296,865
Inverclyde	£185,910	-
Ipswich	£246,262	£615,655
Isle of Anglesey / Ynys Môn	£118,413	£296,033
Isle of Wight	£185,553	£463,883
Isles of Scilly	£169	£423
Islington	£989,332	£2,473,330
Kensington and Chelsea	£1,137,021	£2,842,553
Kettering	£113,975	£284,938
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£182,100	£455,250
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£681,189	£1,702,973
Kingston Upon Thames	£308,670	£771,675
Kirklees	£551,690	£1,379,225
Knowsley	£563,700	£1,409,250
Lambeth	£1,277,456	£3,193,640
Lancaster	£162,472	£406,180
Leeds	£1,531,192	£3,827,980
Leicester	£681,863	£1,704,658
Lewes	£113,991	£284,978
Lewisham	£1,226,063	£3,065,158
Lichfield	£79,039	£197,598
Lincoln	£139,678	£349,195
Liverpool	£1,751,657	£4,379,143
Luton	£402,467	£1,006,168
Maidstone	£162,344	£405,860
Maldon	£52,594	£131,485
Malvern Hills	£86,737	£216,843
Manchester	£1,874,257	£4,685,643
Mansfield	£170,670	£426,675
Medway	£372,112	£930,280
Melton	£35,202	£88,005
Mendip	£114,330	£285,825
Merthyr Tydfil / Merthyr Tudful	£138,154	£345,385
Merton	£431,539	£1,078,848
Mid Devon	£61,358	£153,395
Mid Suffolk	£57,914	£144,785
Mid Sussex	£103,778	£259,445
Middlesbrough	£504,739	£1,261,848
Midlothian	£156,517	-
Milton Keynes	£430,732	£1,076,830
Mole Valley	£56,935	£142,338
Monmouthshire / Sir Fynwy	£116,197	£290,493
Moray	£223,762	-
Neath Port Talbot / Castell-nedd Port Talbot	£355,637	£889,093
New Forest	£159,517	£398,793
Newark and Sherwood	£131,976	£329,940



Newcastle upon Tyne	£786,300	£1,965,750
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£159,189	£397,973
Newham	£1,214,264	£3,035,660
Newport / Casnewydd	£378,485	£946,213
North Ayrshire	£374,063	-
North Devon	£96,580	£241,450
North Dorset	£63,419	£158,548
North East Derbyshire	£153,521	£383,803
North East Lincolnshire	£271,668	£679,170
North Hertfordshire	£181,385	£453,463
North Kesteven	£99,977	£249,943
North Lanarkshire	£618,509	-
North Lincolnshire	£240,930	£602,325
North Norfolk	£104,892	£262,230
North Somerset	£252,239	£630,598
North Tyneside	£406,414	£1,016,035
North Warwickshire	£55,881	£139,703
North West Leicestershire	£103,678	£259,195
Northampton	£316,083	£790,208
Northumberland	£454,665	£1,136,663
Norwich	£365,380	£913,450
Nottingham	£863,993	£2,159,983
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£185,287	£463,218
Oadby and Wigston	£36,918	£92,295
Oldham	£377,386	£943,465
Orkney Islands	£53,715	-
Oxford	£288,092	£720,230
Pembrokeshire / Sir Benfro	£176,678	£441,695
Pendle	£104,556	£261,390
Perth and Kinross	£380,334	-
Peterborough	£360,957	£902,393
Plymouth	£408,999	£1,022,498
Poole	£178,368	£445,920
Portsmouth	£401,690	£1,004,225
Powys / Powys	£547,160	£1,367,900
Preston	£253,838	£634,595
Purbeck	£42,574	£106,435
Reading	£359,568	£898,920
Redbridge	£788,163	£1,970,408
Redcar and Cleveland	£334,203	£835,508
Redditch	£104,371	£260,928
Reigate and Banstead	£136,684	£341,710
Renfrewshire	£366,294	-
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff / Rhondda, Cynon, Taf	£464,958	£1,162,395
Ribble Valley	£27,729	£69,323
Richmond Upon Thames	£240,821	£602,053
Richmondshire	£103,277	£258,193
Rochdale	£445,327	£1,113,318
Rochford	£66,142	£165,355
Rossendale	£81,505	£203,763
Rother	£113,869	£284,673
Rotherham	£596,939	£1,492,348
Rugby	£103,949	£259,873

Runnymede	£67,817	£169,543
Rushcliffe	£87,979	£219,948
Rushmoor	£125,516	£313,790
Rutland	£23,478	£58,695
Ryedale	£178,650	£446,625
Salford	£697,702	£1,744,255
Sandwell	£862,631	£2,156,578
Scarborough	£178,678	£446,695
Scottish Borders	£483,341	-
Sedgemoor	£136,591	£341,478
Sefton	£600,392	£1,500,980
Selby	£85,563	£213,908
Sevenoaks	£112,420	£281,050
Sheffield	£958,791	£2,396,978
Shepway	£163,284	£408,210
Shetland Islands	£71,151	-
Shropshire	£325,939	£814,848
Slough	£429,112	£1,072,780
Solihull	£229,382	£573,455
South Ayrshire	£214,767	-
South Bucks	£62,494	£156,235
South Cambridgeshire	£113,348	£283,370
South Derbyshire	£73,247	£183,118
South Gloucestershire	£248,655	£621,638
South Hams	£82,115	£205,288
South Holland	£101,037	£252,593
South Kesteven	£162,010	£405,025
South Lakeland	£74,065	£185,163
South Lanarkshire	£534,621	-
South Norfolk	£107,001	£267,503
South Northamptonshire	£60,612	£151,530
South Oxfordshire	£100,814	£252,035
South Ribble	£89,175	£222,938
South Somerset	£174,417	£436,043
South Staffordshire	£89,349	£223,373
South Tyneside	£411,131	£1,027,828
Southampton	£462,774	£1,156,935
Southend-on-Sea	£321,546	£803,865
Southwark	£1,023,157	£2,557,893
Spelthorne	£120,689	£301,723
St Albans	£121,101	£302,753
St Edmundsbury	£107,133	£267,833
St. Helens	£475,929	£1,189,823
Stafford	£111,535	£278,838
Staffordshire Moorlands	£67,337	£168,343
Stevenage	£156,565	£391,413
Stirling	£417,424	-
Stockport	£306,028	£765,070
Stockton-on-Tees	£389,061	£972,653
Stoke-on-Trent	£550,129	£1,375,323
Stratford-on-Avon	£131,137	£327,843
Stroud	£90,077	£225,193
Suffolk Coastal	£100,711	£251,778

Sunderland	£767,134	£1,917,835
Surrey Heath	£59,472	£148,680
Sutton	£294,033	£735,083
Swale	£247,614	£619,035
Swansea / Abertawe	£460,560	£1,151,400
Swindon	£279,467	£698,668
Tameside	£390,995	£977,488
Tamworth	£93,652	£234,130
Tandridge	£67,609	£169,023
Taunton Deane	£117,872	£294,680
Teignbridge	£115,702	£289,255
Telford and Wrekin	£405,451	£1,013,628
Tendring	£277,087	£692,718
Test Valley	£127,431	£318,578
Tewkesbury	£86,795	£216,988
Thanet	£299,187	£747,968
The Vale of Glamorgan / Bro Morgannwg	£187,724	£469,310
Three Rivers	£95,788	£239,470
Thurrock	£292,035	£730,088
Tonbridge and Malling	£140,671	£351,678
Torbay	£256,928	£642,320
Torfaen / Tor-faen	£225,956	£564,890
Torridge	£90,083	£225,208
Tower Hamlets	£1,565,107	£3,912,768
Trafford	£331,683	£829,208
Tunbridge Wells	£135,178	£337,945
Uttlesford	£59,205	£148,013
Vale of White Horse	£117,673	£294,183
Wakefield	£775,577	£1,938,943
Walsall	£687,524	£1,718,810
Waltham Forest	£936,389	£2,340,973
Wandsworth	£1,055,313	£2,638,283
Warrington	£240,414	£601,035
Warwick	£140,259	£350,648
Watford	£143,518	£358,795
Waveney	£168,193	£420,483
Waverley	£99,721	£249,303
Wealden	£101,554	£253,885
Wellingborough	£111,094	£277,735
Welwyn Hatfield	£171,611	£429,028
West Berkshire	£170,542	£426,355
West Devon	£119,305	£298,263
West Dorset	£101,757	£254,393
West Dunbartonshire	£333,888	-
West Lancashire	£163,496	£408,740
West Lindsey	£115,593	£288,983
West Lothian	£344,064	-
West Oxfordshire	£98,550	£246,375
West Somerset	£154,700	£386,750
Westminster	£2,632,460	£6,581,150
Weymouth and Portland	£115,515	£288,788
Wigan	£553,338	£1,383,345
Wiltshire	£505,756	£1,264,390

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Winchester	£96,253	£240,633
Windsor and Maidenhead	£127,755	£319,388
Wirral	£736,570	£1,841,425
Woking	£98,604	£246,510
Wokingham	£81,779	£204,448
Wolverhampton	£685,257	£1,713,143
Worcester	£148,985	£372,463
Worthing	£113,806	£284,515
Wrexham / Wreccsam	£226,785	£566,963
Wychavon	£126,637	£316,593
Wycombe	£190,926	£477,315
Wyre	£128,921	£322,303
Wyre Forest	£127,907	£319,768
York	£177,562	£443,905
<b>Total</b>	<b>£125,000,000</b>	