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## **2021-22 Discretionary Housing Payments government contribution for English and Welsh local authorities**

### **Introduction**

1. This circular provides details of the government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for 2021-22 for local authorities (LAs) in England and Wales.

### **Background**

2. Since 2011-12, additional DHP government contribution funding has been made available to enable LAs to provide transitional support to claimants as they adjusted to the Housing Benefits (HB) Welfare Reforms.
3. Whilst working on the allocations for 2021-22, we identified errors within the allocation for 2020-21. We have informed the LAs who were directly impacted.
4. The total DHP funding for England and Wales in 2021-22 will be £140 million. We are allocating £100m at the start of the year using each LA's individual funding amount for 2020-21 as a starting point. This amount will then be corrected to the amount they would have received for 2020-21 if the errors had not occurred. This amount will then be reduced in line with the overall funding from 2020-21 to 2021-22 (whilst preserving the rural pot).
5. At mid-year 2021-22 we will allocate a reserved £40 million of funding based on the latest caseload data.

### **Rural Funding**

6. The funding for 2021-22 maintains the ring-fenced £1.5 million for the eight most rural LAs which are Ceredigion, Craven, Eden, Gwynedd, Powys, Richmondshire, Ryedale and West Devon (West Somerset is no longer included having merged with Taunton).

### **Overall Reduction in funding**

7. Most LAs will receive the same proportion of funding they received in 2020-21 minus overall reduction in funding (and taking into account the fact that only £100 million of the funding will be allocated initially).

### **Errors in 2020-21 allocations**

8. The 26 LAs who were directly impacted by the errors in the 2020-21 allocations will notice changes in that they are different to the average overall reduction in funding.
9. In order to smooth the impact on the LAs who received too much funding for 2020-21, the maximum reduction that any LA faces, will be capped at 44.7% for the initial £100 million of funding, which is the same level of reduction faced by most other LAs

### **Allocation of reserved £40 million based on caseload data**

10. The £40 million reserved funding will be allocated at mid-year based on the latest caseload data.

**2021-22 £100m of DHP government contribution LA allocations**

Local authority	Initial (£100m) DHP allocation (in £) 2021-22	Top-up limit (x2.5) for initial (£100m) allocation
Adur	£93,041	£232,604
Allerdale	£139,045	£347,613
Amber Valley	£123,091	£307,727
Arun	£233,710	£584,276
Ashfield	£175,159	£437,898
Ashford	£195,188	£487,970
Babergh	£83,439	£208,598
Barking and Dagenham	£677,147	£1,692,868
Barnet	£1,398,050	£3,495,126
Barnsley	£398,959	£997,397
Barrow-in-Furness	£82,403	£206,007
Basildon	£298,144	£745,359
Basingstoke and Deane	£220,252	£550,630
Bassetlaw	£133,081	£332,703
Bath and North East Somerset	£193,424	£483,559
Bedford	£225,896	£564,741
Bexley	£381,012	£952,530
Birmingham	£2,752,983	£6,882,458
Blaby	£71,728	£179,319
Blackburn with Darwen	£262,756	£656,890
Blackpool	£168,006	£420,016
Blaenau Gwent	£148,187	£370,468
Bolsover	£106,929	£267,323
Bolton	£507,461	£1,268,652
Boston	£84,763	£211,907
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£747,182	£1,867,955
Bracknell Forest	£135,991	£339,978
Bradford	£842,888	£2,107,221
Braintree	£170,315	£425,787
Breckland	£154,007	£385,017
Brent	£1,538,673	£3,846,684
Brentwood	£81,732	£204,331
Bridgend	£269,861	£674,652
Brighton and Hove	£647,076	£1,617,689
Bristol, City of	£747,840	£1,869,600
Broadland	£87,503	£218,757
Bromley	£494,221	£1,235,553
Bromsgrove	£70,496	£176,239

Broxbourne	£237,058	£592,645
Broxtowe	£88,387	£220,966
Buckinghamshire	£570,829	£1,427,073
Burnley	£177,703	£444,258
Bury	£243,809	£609,523
Caerphilly	£341,832	£854,580
Calderdale	£409,150	£1,022,875
Cambridge	£130,913	£327,283
Camden	£557,223	£1,393,057
Cannock Chase	£98,884	£247,210
Canterbury	£201,141	£502,853
Cardiff	£802,079	£2,005,199
Carlisle	£79,133	£197,831
Carmarthenshire	£275,050	£687,624
Castle Point	£156,498	£391,244
Central Bedfordshire	£255,501	£638,752
Ceredigion	£276,903	£692,257
Charnwood	£157,412	£393,530
Chelmsford	£197,098	£492,744
Cheltenham	£122,148	£305,370
Cherwell	£181,942	£454,856
Cheshire East	£339,987	£849,967
Cheshire West and Chester	£432,279	£1,080,697
Chesterfield	£142,360	£355,901
Chichester	£138,371	£345,928
Chorley	£107,051	£267,627
City of London	£11,560	£28,901
Colchester	£260,261	£650,652
Conwy	£180,217	£450,541
Copeland	£114,655	£286,638
Cornwall	£791,832	£1,979,580
Cotswold	£72,434	£181,086
County Durham	£837,194	£2,092,986
Coventry	£793,304	£1,983,259
Craven	£114,999	£287,497
Crawley	£203,105	£507,763
Croydon	£1,261,732	£3,154,329
Dacorum	£237,255	£593,137
Darlington	£159,109	£397,773
Dartford	£161,233	£403,083
Denbighshire	£176,464	£441,160
Derby	£377,149	£942,873
Derbyshire Dales	£57,717	£144,293
Doncaster	£500,136	£1,250,341
Dorset	£550,175	£1,375,438

Dover	£181,781	£454,453
Dudley	£477,620	£1,194,049
Ealing	£1,433,406	£3,583,515
East Cambridgeshire	£66,344	£165,861
East Devon	£154,640	£386,600
East Hampshire	£87,107	£217,768
East Hertfordshire	£154,164	£385,410
East Lindsey	£235,748	£589,369
East Riding of Yorkshire	£373,273	£933,182
East Staffordshire	£131,512	£328,780
East Suffolk	£337,949	£844,872
Eastbourne	£252,887	£632,217
Eastleigh	£135,378	£338,444
Eden	£145,339	£363,347
Elmbridge	£172,406	£431,016
Enfield	£1,645,182	£4,112,956
Epping Forest	£79,564	£198,909
Epsom and Ewell	£106,131	£265,327
Erewash	£130,877	£327,192
Exeter	£135,856	£339,640
Fareham	£85,197	£212,993
Fenland	£138,985	£347,462
Flintshire	£205,444	£513,609
Folkestone and Hythe	£224,770	£561,924
Forest of Dean	£73,343	£183,357
Fylde	£85,400	£213,499
Gateshead	£358,771	£896,927
Gedling	£116,929	£292,321
Gloucester	£193,892	£484,730
Gosport	£69,324	£173,311
Gravesham	£166,788	£416,969
Great Yarmouth	£210,753	£526,881
Greenwich	£624,022	£1,560,056
Guildford	£141,247	£353,117
Gwynedd	£644,618	£1,611,544
Hackney	£1,167,701	£2,919,253
Halton	£292,081	£730,203
Hambleton	£74,508	£186,269
Hammersmith and Fulham	£555,327	£1,388,317
Harborough	£53,450	£133,625
Haringey	£1,146,410	£2,866,026
Harlow	£163,028	£407,571
Harrogate	£146,809	£367,023
Harrow	£661,985	£1,654,963
Hart	£84,833	£212,082

Hartlepool	£243,239	£608,098
Hastings	£264,677	£661,691
Havant	£161,957	£404,892
Havering	£459,703	£1,149,257
Herefordshire, County of	£197,433	£493,582
Hertsmere	£193,087	£482,719
High Peak	£85,018	£212,546
Hillingdon	£630,651	£1,576,627
Hinckley and Bosworth	£89,210	£223,025
Horsham	£119,480	£298,700
Hounslow	£816,986	£2,042,465
Huntingdonshire	£159,208	£398,019
Hyndburn	£140,428	£351,071
Ipswich	£207,411	£518,529
Isle of Anglesey	£148,577	£371,443
Isle of Wight	£235,976	£589,939
Isles of Scilly	£461	£1,152
Islington	£557,339	£1,393,348
Kensington and Chelsea	£538,800	£1,347,000
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£186,569	£466,422
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£549,377	£1,373,443
Kingston upon Thames	£308,487	£771,219
Kirklees	£505,306	£1,263,265
Knowsley	£399,879	£999,698
Lambeth	£880,244	£2,200,610
Lancaster	£205,589	£513,973
Leeds	£1,204,704	£3,011,761
Leicester	£630,858	£1,577,146
Lewes	£165,437	£413,593
Lewisham	£859,136	£2,147,841
Lichfield	£80,718	£201,794
Lincoln	£138,379	£345,947
Liverpool	£1,161,057	£2,902,642
Luton	£543,226	£1,358,066
Maidstone	£224,709	£561,772
Maldon	£56,108	£140,269
Malvern Hills	£74,532	£186,331
Manchester	£1,404,496	£3,511,241
Mansfield	£90,394	£225,984
Medway	£490,547	£1,226,368
Melton	£40,958	£102,394
Mendip	£154,754	£386,884
Merthyr Tydfil	£153,953	£384,883
Merton	£418,522	£1,046,305
Mid Devon	£78,873	£197,183

Mid Suffolk	£76,781	£191,952
Mid Sussex	£148,234	£370,586
Middlesbrough	£400,943	£1,002,357
Milton Keynes	£449,453	£1,123,633
Mole Valley	£69,930	£174,825
Monmouthshire	£132,088	£330,220
Neath Port Talbot	£297,794	£744,485
New Forest	£203,555	£508,887
Newark and Sherwood	£122,267	£305,666
Newcastle upon Tyne	£603,902	£1,509,754
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£119,368	£298,420
Newham	£1,306,817	£3,267,044
Newport	£414,562	£1,036,405
North Devon	£136,150	£340,375
North East Derbyshire	£113,826	£284,564
North East Lincolnshire	£284,043	£710,107
North Hertfordshire	£136,690	£341,724
North Kesteven	£95,525	£238,813
North Lincolnshire	£138,273	£345,682
North Norfolk	£112,447	£281,117
North Northamptonshire	£420,379	£1,050,945
North Somerset	£287,314	£718,286
North Tyneside	£309,105	£772,762
North Warwickshire	£59,138	£147,846
North West Leicestershire	£92,459	£231,147
Northumberland	£404,202	£1,010,505
Norwich	£255,383	£638,458
Nottingham	£642,329	£1,605,822
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£174,371	£435,929
Oadby and Wigston	£59,614	£149,035
Oldham	£438,888	£1,097,220
Oxford	£254,058	£635,144
Pembrokeshire	£238,680	£596,700
Pendle	£116,884	£292,209
Peterborough	£371,759	£929,397
Plymouth	£449,474	£1,123,686
Portsmouth	£438,842	£1,097,106
Powys	£524,255	£1,310,638
Preston	£219,122	£547,805
Reading	£369,691	£924,227
Redbridge	£884,151	£2,210,378
Redcar and Cleveland	£270,902	£677,256
Redditch	£89,510	£223,774
Reigate and Banstead	£188,175	£470,436
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	£418,632	£1,046,580

Ribble Valley	£35,033	£87,582
Richmond upon Thames	£278,141	£695,353
Richmondshire	£117,583	£293,957
Rochdale	£388,837	£972,093
Rochford	£94,808	£237,021
Rossendale	£70,731	£176,828
Rother	£150,041	£375,101
Rotherham	£423,801	£1,059,503
Rugby	£113,259	£283,147
Runnymede	£106,120	£265,301
Rushcliffe	£82,772	£206,931
Rushmoor	£161,621	£404,054
Rutland	£23,671	£59,179
Ryedale	£187,795	£469,487
Salford	£548,903	£1,372,258
Sandwell	£707,801	£1,769,503
Scarborough	£180,005	£450,012
Sedgemoor	£191,431	£478,579
Sefton	£511,785	£1,279,463
Selby	£70,483	£176,206
Sevenoaks	£131,769	£329,423
Sheffield	£748,846	£1,872,116
Shropshire	£302,175	£755,437
Slough	£475,055	£1,187,638
Solihull	£243,234	£608,084
Somerset West and Taunton	£250,376	£625,940
South Cambridgeshire	£101,836	£254,591
South Derbyshire	£86,879	£217,196
South Gloucestershire	£255,975	£639,937
South Hams	£95,794	£239,484
South Holland	£88,400	£220,999
South Kesteven	£160,408	£401,020
South Lakeland	£73,839	£184,596
South Norfolk	£113,770	£284,425
South Oxfordshire	£130,550	£326,375
South Ribble	£99,771	£249,428
South Somerset	£174,760	£436,901
South Staffordshire	£84,070	£210,176
South Tyneside	£316,147	£790,367
Southampton	£455,162	£1,137,904
Southend-on-Sea	£413,020	£1,032,551
Southwark	£748,579	£1,871,447
Spelthorne	£190,233	£475,582
St Albans	£142,159	£355,397
St. Helens	£340,487	£851,217

Stafford	£95,435	£238,589
Staffordshire Moorlands	£66,975	£167,438
Stevenage	£138,629	£346,571
Stockport	£284,681	£711,702
Stockton-on-Tees	£312,414	£781,036
Stoke-on-Trent	£408,579	£1,021,449
Stratford-on-Avon	£119,235	£298,087
Stroud	£54,457	£136,143
Sunderland	£275,882	£689,705
Surrey Heath	£74,783	£186,958
Sutton	£352,591	£881,479
Swale	£265,769	£664,422
Swansea	£396,905	£992,262
Swindon	£304,038	£760,095
Tameside	£406,942	£1,017,355
Tamworth	£100,959	£252,397
Tandridge	£105,677	£264,192
Teignbridge	£174,090	£435,225
Telford and Wrekin	£342,009	£855,021
Tendring	£320,443	£801,107
Test Valley	£114,005	£285,012
Tewkesbury	£78,671	£196,676
Thanet	£357,910	£894,776
The Vale of Glamorgan	£197,461	£493,652
Three Rivers	£121,768	£304,419
Thurrock	£361,725	£904,313
Tonbridge and Malling	£148,277	£370,694
Torbay	£345,910	£864,776
Torfaen	£190,567	£476,417
Torridge	£83,360	£208,400
Tower Hamlets	£1,066,848	£2,667,120
Trafford	£300,632	£751,580
Tunbridge Wells	£121,683	£304,209
Uttlesford	£65,325	£163,311
Vale of White Horse	£124,441	£311,102
Wakefield	£542,093	£1,355,233
Walsall	£546,985	£1,367,463
Waltham Forest	£758,023	£1,895,057
Wandsworth	£725,373	£1,813,432
Warrington	£231,292	£578,231
Warwick	£109,416	£273,541
Watford	£198,289	£495,723
Waverley	£106,962	£267,404
Wealden	£168,444	£421,111
Welwyn Hatfield	£172,312	£430,781

West Berkshire	£167,287	£418,218
West Devon	£134,153	£335,383
West Lancashire	£148,548	£371,369
West Lindsey	£120,406	£301,014
West Northamptonshire	£438,123	£1,095,308
West Oxfordshire	£97,687	£244,218
West Suffolk	£166,313	£415,782
Westminster	£810,964	£2,027,411
Wigan	£434,165	£1,085,414
Wiltshire	£291,784	£729,459
Winchester	£95,730	£239,325
Windsor and Maidenhead	£163,418	£408,546
Wirral	£610,217	£1,525,542
Woking	£117,699	£294,249
Wokingham	£132,323	£330,807
Wolverhampton	£541,423	£1,353,558
Worcester	£119,054	£297,634
Worthing	£176,057	£440,142
Wrexham	£231,581	£578,953
Wychavon	£106,913	£267,282
Wyre	£136,141	£340,352
Wyre Forest	£122,340	£305,849
York	£164,829	£412,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100,475,443</b>	<b>£251,188,607</b>