

13 December 2010

The Chief Executive
County Councils in England
District Councils in England
London Borough Councils
Greater London Authority
Council of the Isles of Scilly
Police Authorities in England
The Town Clerk, City of London

Our Ref:
Your Ref:

The Clerk
Fire and Rescue Authorities
Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE (ENGLAND)
REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT FOR 2011–12 AND 2012-13 AND RELATED
MATTERS**

General Information

1. An announcement has today been made to Parliament about the Local Authority Government Settlement for 2011-12 and 2012-13. This letter and supporting documents provide:
 - (i) a consultation paper and supporting annexes;
 - (ii) detailed information on the Settlements for your Authority.

(i) Consultation Paper

2. Proposals have been made for the amount of Revenue Support, the amount of the grant to be paid to receiving authorities, the amount of the grant to be paid to the specified body and the distributable amount for 2011-12. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government intends to make a report setting out his determination of these amounts, and the bases on which he proposes to distribute Revenue Support Grant and the distributable amount among receiving authorities.
3. The Secretary of State is required by sections 78(5) and 78A(3) of, and paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 8 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988, to consult the appropriate representatives of local government on his determinations relating to Revenue Support Grant; and to notify them of the

proposed bases of distribution of Revenue Support Grant and the distributable amount. In accordance with these requirements, I have today sent to the Local Government Association and London Councils - which appear to the Secretary of State to be the appropriate representatives of local government for the purposes of these requirements - a consultation paper with supporting information.

4. These proposals incorporate the Government's decisions following the review of the formula grant distribution system and consultation carried out over the summer. An analysis of the outcome of this earlier consultation is also being published today.
5. The draft of the proposed Local Government Finance Report provides notification of the general nature of the bases of distribution which the Secretary of State has in mind. The method of distributing Formula Grant includes "floors", that is, a guaranteed minimum change in Government support. Tables are also provided which exemplify the effect of the proposals set out in the paper. I would draw your attention particularly to the paragraph of the consultation paper which points out that the figures in the exemplifications are in part based on provisional information and may therefore be subject to change.
6. The draft Local Government Finance Report (England) 2011-12 and the draft Local Government Finance Report (England) 2012-13, together with the relevant data that has been made available, will enable you to calculate your authority's proposed grant for 2011-12 and 2012-13.
7. As in previous years where we have made changes to the formulae, meetings with local authorities and their delegations during consultation on our proposals will be welcomed. However, given the tight timetable for consultation and preparation of the final settlement in the New Year, requests for meetings from individual authorities will be treated on a first come first served basis.
8. Local authorities wishing to arrange a meeting during consultation should ring the Minister's office on 0303 444 3425 as soon as possible and by the 5 January 2011.
9. I would also like to stress that written representations on the consultation are equally as effective as face to face meetings. All representations will be carefully considered before final decisions are made. The deadline for representations is given at the end of this letter.

(ii) Detailed information on the Settlement for your Authority.

Detailed information for all authorities can be found on the Communities and Local Government web site at <http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/1112/grant.htm>

Relative Needs Formula (RNF) Data

10. For the most part the data that the Secretary of State proposes to use in the calculation of the Relative Needs Formulae are unchanged from those described in my letter of 6 December 2010.
11. My letter of 6 December also explained that some data would be updated; but that, generally, the data to be used will be those which were available to the Secretary of State on 1 October 2010 (or in a few cases, by the different deadline listed).

DEADLINES

Consultation paper

12. **We would particularly welcome your responses to the consultation by e-mail.** If your authority wishes to make a representation about the proposals in the consultation paper, it should be sent via e-mail to settlement.consult@communities.gsi.gov.uk.
13. Alternatively, responses may be posted to **Mr Andrew Lock at Zone 5/J2, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU**, or faxed to 0303 444 3294.
14. **Please use this e-mail or postal address for all consultation responses.** The representation will then get to the right place quickly and can be considered fully by Ministers and officials with an interest.
15. **Written representations must be sent in time to be received by Mr Lock by 5pm on Monday 17 January 2011.** These should be faxed if there is any possibility that the letter will not be received in time by post, delivery by hand or by electronic mail. Written representations sent by electronic mail via the Internet must have been **received by 5pm on 17 January 2011 at settlement.consult@communities.gsi.gov.uk**.
16. **Local authorities wishing to meet with Ministers during consultation to make representations on the settlement proposals, should ring 0303 444 3430 before 5 January 2011.**

Data Consultation

17. The deadline for representations on data is 10 January 2011 for data sent to you with my letter of 6 December. For representations on RNF calculations, the deadline is the same as that for general representations on the settlement, i.e. 17 January 2011.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES

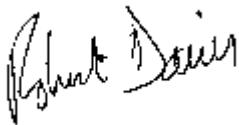
18. Telephone enquiries about the proposals in the consultation paper should be directed to Local Government Finance Division officials, as indicated in the Annex. If you have any questions regarding data, please contact the following people, all of whom are at this address:

- on data generally: Jo Joslin (0303 444 2141), or Tom Joss (0303 444 2143) in zone 5/J1;
- on the Capital Financing RNF, including Capital Finance data: Helen Woodward (0303 444 3949) in zone 5/J1;
- on electronic information: Karen Sussex (0303 444 2138) in zone 5/J2.

PUBLISHING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

19. The Department may publish responses to this consultation document in due course or deposit them in the Libraries of the Houses of Parliament or the Communities and Local Government, unless specifically requested to treat a response as confidential. Confidential responses may nevertheless be included in any statistical summary of the number of representations received.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Davies', written in a cursive style.

ROBERT DAVIES
Local Government Finance - Formula Grant Distribution Division

ANNEX A

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ENQUIRY POINTS

All enquiries: 0303 44 plus 5 digit extension

The following list provides the contact details, by region and county, for enquires about the provisional settlement announcement.

London

Inner London Boroughs	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Greater London Authority	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Outer London Boroughs	Paul S Andrews	42158
City of London	Paul S Andrews	42158
Metropolitan Police	Suzanne Gamble	43606

Metropolitan Districts

Greater Manchester

Bolton	John Wallis	42121
Bury	John Wallis	42121
Manchester	Jocelyn Miguel	42163
Oldham	Kenneth Cameron	42091
Tameside	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Trafford	Brian Entwistle	42094
Wigan	Cliff Lambert	42086
Stockport	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Rochdale	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Salford	Chuka Iwobi	42157

Merseyside

Liverpool	Chandrakat Shah	41433
Knowsley	Shola Delip	42153
St Helens	Colin Davis	43603
Sefton	Shola Delip	42091
Wirral	Paul S Andrews	42158

South Yorkshire

Sheffield	Runa Chatterjee	42115
Barnsley	Tim Roast	44072
Doncaster	Beverley Davies	42150
Rotherham	Kenneth Cameron	42091

Tyne and Wear

Newcastle upon Tyne	Paul S Andrew	42158
Gateshead	Sheela Vyas	42120
South Tyneside	Mumuna Mumuni	42093
North Tyneside	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Sunderland	Zareen Ahmad	43601

West Midlands

Birmingham	Brian Entwistle	42094
Coventry	Hitesh Darjee	42095
Dudley	Hitesh Darjee	42095
Sandwell	David Odubunmi	44074
Solihull	Sarah Blackman	41765
Walsall	Tariq Saleem	43224
Wolverhampton	Cliff Lambert	42086

West Yorkshire

Leeds	John Wallis	42121
Bradford	Tim Roast	44072
Calderdale	Claire Smith	44378
Kirklees	Samuel Dickinson	41750
Wakefield	Matthew Sharp	42152

Counties and Non-Metropolitan Districts

All Police Authorities	Chuka Iwobi	42157
All Fire Authorities	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Redcar and Cleveland	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Durham	Hitesh Darjee	42095
Northumberland	Inderjit Lotay	43602
East Riding of Yorkshire	Colin Davis	43606
North Yorkshire	Kenneth Cameron	42091

Cheshire	Marie Hazzard	43608
Cumbria	Harriet Gay	44318
Lancashire	Runa Chatterjee	42115
Herefordshire	Paul S Andrews	42158
Worcestershire	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Shropshire	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Staffordshire	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Warwickshire	Tariq Saleem	43224
Derbyshire	Nikki Hinde	42085
Leicestershire	Samuel Dickinson	41750
Lincolnshire	Hitesh Darjee	42095
Northamptonshire	Mark Clarke	42123
Nottinghamshire	Sarah Layne	42177
Bedfordshire	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Buckinghamshire	Mumuna Mumuni	42093
Cambridgeshire	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Essex	Richard McDonagh	42184
Hertfordshire	Paul S Andrews	42158
Norfolk	Sarah Blackman	41765
Suffolk	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Cornwall	Rachel Clayton	43670
Devon	Brian Entwistle	42094
Dorset	Nageen Haroon	41758
Gloucestershire	Katy Fone	41213
Somerset	Chuka Iwobi	42157
Wiltshire	Nageen Haroon	41758
Isle of Scilly	John Farrar	42116
West Berkshire	Cliff Lambert	42066
East Sussex	Richard McDonagh	42184
Hampshire	Matthew Sharp	42152
Isle of Wight	Zareen Ahmad	43601
Oxfordshire	Akua Aidoo	43606
Surrey	Chuka Iwobi	42157
West Sussex	Tariq Saleem	43224
Kent	Inderjit Lotay	43602