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WHO SHOULD READ	All HB and CTB staff. Officers preparing claims for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)
ACTION	For information only
SUBJECT	Details of the revised government DHPs contribution for 2010/11 for local authorities

Guidance Manual

The information in this circular does not affect the content of the HB/CTB Guidance Manual.

HB/CTB Circular S1/2010 provided details of the 2010/11 DHP allocations. Unfortunately, as a result of some incorrect data submitted by a few local authorities, it has become necessary to recalculate the 2010/11 DHP distribution.

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Discretionary Housing Payments Government contribution for 2010/11

Introduction

- 1 Following the announcement of the 2010/11 Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) allocations, it has come to light that a few local authorities submitted incorrect data. This data which was subsequently used to calculate the 2010/11 allocations has been corrected. As a result, we have rerun the allocations and this circular gives details of the revised government contribution, and overall limits, for Discretionary Housing Payments 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 issues as
 - how authorities should submit claims
 - record-keeping and audit requirements
 - re-imburement of DHPs, and
 - sets the overall limit on expenditure at 2.5 times 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 £20 million. 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	63,832	159,580
Aberdeenshire	19,716	49,290
Adur	11,132	27,830
Allerdale	4,258	10,645
Amber Valley	20,498	51,245
Angus	29,512	73,780
Argyll and Bute	34,295	85,738
Arun	47,643	119,108
Ashfield	58,161	145,403
Ashford	28,857	72,143
Aylesbury Vale	18,627	46,568
Babergh	20,925	52,313
Barking	130,978	327,445
Barnet	212,485	531,213
Barnsley	33,564	83,910
Barrow in Furness	8,962	22,405
Basildon	35,865	89,663
Basingstoke	16,463	41,158
Bassetlaw	7,440	18,600
Bath and North East Somerset	64,451	161,128
Bedford	57,561	143,903
Bexley	56,482	141,205
Birmingham	672,346	1,680,865
Blaby	14,226	35,565
Blackburn	44,643	111,608
Blackpool	102,271	255,678
Blaenau Gwent	21,599	53,998
Bolsover	3,011	7,528
Bolton	76,386	190,965
Boston	3,569	8,923
Bournemouth	61,627	154,068
Bracknell	9,643	24,108
Braintree	24,882	62,205
Breckland	49,427	123,568
Brent	226,149	565,373
Brentwood	16,841	42,103
Bridgend	45,901	114,753
Brighton and Hove	275,835	689,588
Bristol	143,250	358,125
Broadland	12,145	30,363

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Bromley	70,046	175,115
Bromsgrove	7,043	17,608
Broxbourne	26,428	66,070
Broxtowe	11,774	29,435
Burnley	19,147	47,868
Bury	45,459	113,648
Caerphilly	18,156	45,390
Calderdale	36,009	90,023
Cambridge	25,324	63,310
Camden	165,117	412,793
Cannock Chase	6,540	16,350
Canterbury	29,356	73,390
Cardiff	243,193	607,983
Carlisle	9,802	24,505
Carmarthenshire	44,650	111,625
Castle Point	21,269	53,173
Central Bedfordshire	28,299	70,748
Ceredigion	61,595	153,988
Charnwood	13,929	34,823
Chelmsford	30,989	77,473
Cheltenham	14,021	35,053
Cherwell	68,484	171,210
Cheshire East	83,627	209,068
Cheshire West and Chester	54,711	136,778
Chesterfield	26,600	66,500
Chichester	120,124	300,310
Chiltern	31,782	79,455
Chorley	9,215	23,038
Christchurch	18,190	45,475
City of Bradford	118,562	296,405
City of London	1,811	4,528
City of Westminster	226,492	566,230
Clackmannanshire	9,981	24,953
Colchester	161,212	403,030
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	7,089	17,723
Conwy	45,187	112,968
Copeland	9,162	22,905
Corby	5,006	12,515
Cornwall	206,673	516,683
Cotswold	13,503	33,758
Coventry	105,666	264,165
Craven	8,730	21,825
Crawley	37,189	92,973
Croydon	168,849	422,123
Dacorum	48,645	121,613
Darlington	32,560	81,400
Dartford	14,862	37,155

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Daventry	4,649	11,623
Denbighshire	36,118	90,295
Derby	113,921	284,803
Derbyshire Dales	11,881	29,703
Doncaster	65,806	164,515
Dover	54,608	136,520
Dudley	53,124	132,810
Dumfries and Galloway	37,879	94,698
Dundee	37,597	93,993
Durham	104,518	261,295
Ealing	225,063	562,658
East Ayrshire	15,112	37,780
East Cambridgeshire	14,325	35,813
East Devon	59,432	148,580
East Dorset	22,198	55,495
East Dunbartonshire	29,948	74,870
East Hampshire	17,802	44,505
East Hertfordshire	33,233	83,083
East Lindsey	29,232	73,080
East Lothian	23,278	58,195
East Northampton	6,647	16,618
East Renfrewshire	10,877	27,193
East Riding	63,054	157,635
East Staffordshire	7,398	18,495
Eastbourne	66,015	165,038
Eastleigh	10,387	25,968
Eden	3,722	9,305
Edinburgh	299,871	749,678
Elmbridge	113,859	284,648
Enfield	147,468	368,670
Epping Forest	19,984	49,960
Epsom and Ewell	22,603	56,508
Erewash	42,890	107,225
Exeter	45,392	113,480
Falkirk	5,779	14,448
Fareham	17,701	44,253
Fenland	11,070	27,675
Fife	67,504	168,760
Flintshire	45,047	112,618
Forest Heath	22,320	55,800
Forest of Dean	16,754	41,885
Fylde	9,135	22,838
Gateshead	37,182	92,955
Gedling	10,550	26,375
Glasgow	1,001,741	2,504,353
Gloucester	24,643	61,608
Gosport	8,617	21,543

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Gravesham	10,739	26,848
Great Yarmouth	44,877	112,193
Greenwich	316,362	790,905
Guildford	24,252	60,630
Gwynedd	76,373	190,933
Hackney	129,158	322,895
Halton	32,615	81,538
Hambleton	11,029	27,573
Hammersmith	127,260	318,150
Harborough	5,839	14,598
Haringey	281,565	703,913
Harlow	15,767	39,418
Harrogate	39,209	98,023
Harrow	101,302	253,255
Hart	9,489	23,723
Hartlepool	37,930	94,825
Hastings	64,640	161,600
Havant	24,536	61,340
Havering	47,313	118,283
Herefordshire	41,231	103,078
Hertsmere	19,492	48,730
High Peak	30,005	75,013
Highland	48,421	121,053
Hillingdon	111,401	278,503
Hinckley and Bosworth	8,946	22,365
Horsham	26,897	67,243
Hounslow	76,489	191,223
Huntingdon	31,832	79,580
Hyndburn	21,338	53,345
Inverclyde	30,139	75,348
Ipswich	76,708	191,770
Isle of Anglesey	17,306	43,265
Isle of Wight	31,188	77,970
Isles of Scilly	56	140
Islington	85,987	214,968
Kensington and Chelsea	153,170	382,925
Kettering	18,363	45,908
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	47,464	118,660
Kingston upon Hull	93,738	234,345
Kingston upon Thames	46,753	116,883
Kirklees	142,053	355,133
Knowsley	48,419	121,048
Lambeth	133,903	334,758
Lancaster	19,646	49,115
Leeds	308,797	771,993
Leicester	71,349	178,373
Lewes	33,020	82,550

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Lewisham	136,284	340,710
Lichfield	17,300	43,250
Lincoln	68,851	172,128
Liverpool	208,391	520,978
Luton	51,306	128,265
Maidstone	91,430	228,575
Maldon	6,620	16,550
Malvern Hills	14,411	36,028
Manchester	334,966	837,415
Mansfield	20,712	51,780
Medway Towns	56,847	142,118
Melton	3,107	7,768
Mendip	26,798	66,995
Merthyr Tydfil	9,274	23,185
Merton	101,942	254,855
Mid Devon	18,084	45,210
Mid Suffolk	14,084	35,210
Mid Sussex	20,106	50,265
Middlesbrough	42,805	107,013
Midlothian	21,990	54,975
Milton Keynes	41,188	102,970
Mole Valley	19,341	48,353
Monmouthshire	23,213	58,033
Moray	7,778	19,445
Neath Port Talbot	29,019	72,548
New Forest	46,051	115,128
Newark	9,773	24,433
Newcastle under Lyme	7,959	19,898
Newcastle upon Tyne	88,563	221,408
Newham	238,814	597,035
Newport	26,409	66,023
North Ayrshire	42,698	106,745
North Devon	16,686	41,715
North Dorset	9,834	24,585
North East Derby	6,922	17,305
North East Lincoln	44,190	110,475
North Hertfordshire	27,904	69,760
North Kesteven	15,639	39,098
North Lanarkshire	77,010	192,525
North Lincolnshire	34,980	87,450
North Norfolk	21,754	54,385
North Somerset	115,522	288,805
North Tyneside	26,311	65,778
North Warwickshire	14,181	35,453
North West Leicester	5,411	13,528
Northampton	42,773	106,933
Northumberland	64,291	160,728

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Norwich	29,707	74,268
Nottingham	55,863	139,658
Nuneaton	36,561	91,403
Oadby and Wigston	8,873	22,183
Oldham	37,599	93,998
Orkney	598	1,495
Oxford	81,907	204,768
Pembrokeshire	22,943	57,358
Pendle	19,438	48,595
Perth and Kinross	9,941	24,853
Peterborough	51,802	129,505
Plymouth	61,261	153,153
Poole	44,991	112,478
Portsmouth	70,936	177,340
Powys	25,292	63,230
Preston	15,605	39,013
Purbeck	9,155	22,888
Reading	73,389	183,473
Redbridge	96,694	241,735
Redcar and Cleveland	28,604	71,510
Redditch	12,446	31,115
Reigate and Banstead	13,199	32,998
Renfrewshire	40,894	102,235
Rhondda Cynon Taff	25,695	64,238
Ribble Valley	2,524	6,310
Richmondshire	9,378	23,445
Richmond upon Thames	104,071	260,178
Rochdale	59,605	149,013
Rochford	19,553	48,883
Rossendale	12,939	32,348
Rother	55,521	138,803
Rotherham	38,294	95,735
Rugby	6,570	16,425
Runnymede	14,575	36,438
Rushcliffe	5,804	14,510
Rushmoor	12,178	30,445
Rutland	8,124	20,310
Ryedale	7,447	18,618
Salford	83,176	207,940
Sandwell	40,147	100,368
Scarborough	22,814	57,035
Scottish Borders	15,098	37,745
Sedgemoor	19,042	47,605
Sefton	61,842	154,605
Selby	7,893	19,733
Sevenoaks	37,761	94,403
Sheffield	90,342	225,855

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Shepway	33,751	84,378
Shetland	221	553
Shropshire	50,667	126,668
Slough	21,972	54,930
Solihull	42,233	105,583
South Ayrshire	87,282	218,205
South Bucks	13,591	33,978
South Cambridgeshire	24,613	61,533
South Derbyshire	19,502	48,755
South Gloucestershire	67,021	167,553
South Hams	56,609	141,523
South Holland	3,129	7,823
South Kesteven	16,823	42,058
South Lakeland	37,042	92,605
South Lanarkshire	135,686	339,215
South Norfolk	29,030	72,575
South Northants	7,996	19,990
South Oxfordshire	22,878	57,195
South Ribble	6,239	15,598
South Somerset	59,939	149,848
South Staffordshire	12,871	32,178
South Tyneside	16,522	41,305
Southampton	57,783	144,458
Southend on Sea	93,055	232,638
Southwark	132,475	331,188
Spelthorne	20,773	51,933
St Albans	44,928	112,320
St Edmundsbury	21,100	52,750
St Helens	51,952	129,880
Stafford	14,216	35,540
Staffordshire Moorlands	11,314	28,285
Stevenage	23,823	59,558
Stirling	29,897	74,743
Stockport	111,906	279,765
Stockton on Tees	23,270	58,175
Stoke on Trent	70,805	177,013
Stratford on Avon	76,816	192,040
Stroud	37,857	94,643
Suffolk Coastal	41,197	102,993
Sunderland	42,023	105,058
Surrey Heath	8,676	21,690
Sutton	58,171	145,428
Swale	62,774	156,935
Swansea	67,739	169,348
Swindon	19,715	49,288
Tameside	84,070	210,175
Tamworth	9,320	23,300

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Tandridge	25,758	64,395
Taunton Deane	16,670	41,675
Teignbridge	42,974	107,435
Telford and Wrekin	27,148	67,870
Tendring	40,777	101,943
Test Valley	25,967	64,918
Tewkesbury	13,644	34,110
Thanet	29,780	74,450
Three Rivers	28,303	70,758
Thurrock	21,610	54,025
Tonbridge and Malling	24,303	60,758
Torbay	92,659	231,648
Torfaen	26,831	67,078
Torridge	11,823	29,558
Tower Hamlets	132,770	331,925
Trafford	34,048	85,120
Tunbridge Wells	29,075	72,688
Uttlesford	23,973	59,933
Vale of Glamorgan	26,243	65,608
Vale of White Horse	15,311	38,278
Wakefield	98,333	245,833
Walsall	32,049	80,123
Waltham Forest	153,328	383,320
Wandsworth	82,990	207,475
Warrington	33,572	83,930
Warwick	33,428	83,570
Watford	20,503	51,258
Waveney	37,475	93,688
Waverley	38,504	96,260
Wealden	65,036	162,590
Wellingborough	3,930	9,825
Welwyn Hatfield	19,535	48,838
West Berkshire	46,355	115,888
West Devon	14,291	35,728
West Dorset	26,265	65,663
West Dunbartonshire	48,693	121,733
West Lancashire	29,035	72,588
West Lindsey	15,661	39,153
West Lothian	40,478	101,195
West Oxfordshire	18,860	47,150
West Somerset	9,556	23,890
Weymouth and Portland	24,231	60,578
Wigan	61,050	152,625
Wiltshire	139,646	349,115
Winchester	19,472	48,680
Windsor and Maidenhead	52,478	131,195
Wirral	245,200	613,000

Local Authority	DHP Allocation 2010/11 Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)
Woking	21,212	53,030
Wokingham	13,743	34,358
Wolverhampton	66,365	165,913
Worcester	17,279	43,198
Worthing	23,268	58,170
Wrexham	13,256	33,140
Wychavon	18,240	45,600
Wycombe	39,720	99,300
Wyre	33,067	82,668
Wyre Forest	12,699	31,748
York	32,829	82,073
TOTAL	20,000,000	50,000,000