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HB/CTB subsidy arrangements 2006/07: Details of the benefit subsidy arrangements and the specific grant for administration costs

Introduction

- 1 This circular contains details of the Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) subsidy arrangements which, following consultation with the Local Authority Associations (LAAs), will apply for 2006/07.
- 2 Provision for the 2006/07 subsidy arrangements will be made by Amendment Orders to the *Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998*, which will also be subject to consultation with the LAAs before they are laid before Parliament.

Summary of the 2006/07 benefit subsidy arrangements

3 A summary of all the 2006/07 benefit subsidy arrangements is in *Appendix 1*.

Subsidy related to LA error

4 LA error overpayments are those caused by a mistake, by an act or omission, by an LA when the claimant did not contribute to the mistake, article 18 of *Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998 (SI 1998/562)* refers. These can result from, for example

- incorrect information being extracted from a benefit claim
- failure to act promptly on the notification of a change of circumstances

5 The threshold arrangements introduced in April 2004, as part of the subsidy reforms, will continue in 2006/07, and will operate in the same way.

6 The thresholds, for 2006/07, expressed as a percentage of correct payments will be

- lower threshold 0.48%
- upper threshold 0.54%

7 LAs will receive 100% subsidy for LA error overpayments if the level of error does not exceed the lower threshold. If LA error overpayments are greater than the lower threshold but do not exceed the upper threshold, then 40% subsidy will be paid on the **total** LA error overpayments. If LA error overpayments exceed their upper threshold LAs will receive nil subsidy on the **total** of their LA error overpayments.

8 In general, LA error overpayments are not recoverable. However, if the claimant, or their representative, could be reasonably expected to have known they were being overpaid, LAs should be able to recover these overpayments as provided for in regulation 99(2). Under these circumstances, LAs entitled to subsidy for LA error overpayments will keep any amount recovered without any loss of subsidy.

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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme (in England and Wales)

- 10 The existing processes to collect base data to inform limit rents in England will continue for 2006/07. In June 2005, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) sent out the Base Data Return to LAs. The deadline for final audited returns to be received by ODPM was 10 October 2005. This data, together with assumptions that an LA is following the policy of rent restructuring, was used by ODPM to inform calculations of limit rents for English LAs. Following the resolution of external audit queries, ODPM forwarded the final calculated limit rents to DWP in December, and published these figures on its website alongside the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy Determination for 2006/07 so that each LA was aware of its limit rent prior to setting its rents for 2006/07. English limit rents are pre-set in DWP secondary legislation in advance of the relevant financial year.
- 11 In Wales, limit rents are not currently pre-set, but are calculated using data collected on the Subsidy estimates and claim forms submitted to the National Assembly for Wales (NAW) throughout the year. Data is also collected by NAW through alternative returns to inform the limit rent calculation. NAW will continue to collect the required data from Welsh LAs and advise DWP of the various amounts necessary for any limitation calculations.
- 12 The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has made an amending Subsidy Order (SI 2006 No. 559), following a statutory consultation period, publishing pre-set limit rents for English LAs together with the formulae to be used in both England and Wales to determine limitation deductions. (*Article 20A, Schedule 4A of the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998* as amended. SI 2004 No. 646).
- 13 Minor amendments to the definition of a 'new service' and the inclusion of a definition of a 'dwelling' were made in *Part 1 of Schedule 4A to the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 2006* (SI 2006 No. 54).

Subsidy limitation rent calculation

- 14 In 2005/06 the average weekly limit rent (England and Wales) and the average weekly service charges (England only) are calculated by (a) dividing the total rent charged for dwellings in the HRA in that year by the total number of dwellings in the HRA in that year and (b) dividing the result by the total number of weeks in that year. The dwelling count is done on one specific date, ie 1 April.
- 15 Using a count on a specific date means that any changes to dwelling numbers throughout the relevant year such as partial stock transfer would not be accounted for at the end of the year.

Revised arrangements for 2006/07

- 16 From 1 April 2006 the average weekly rent in England and Wales will be calculated by dividing the total rent charged by the total number of weeks in the year for which rent was charged. This includes weeks on dwellings that were in the HRA for part of the year but were not in the HRA at the time of the count. For example, the total rent charged is £50,000 and the total number of weeks in which rent was charged was 1000 making the average weekly rent for a dwelling £50. The total number of weeks is the sum of all the weeks **charged** on all the dwellings that were in the HRA at any time during the relevant year. Void dwellings are excluded from the calculation. In England a similar formula will also be applied to calculate the average weekly un-pooled service charges. (As amended by Schedule (paragraphs 2 and 3) of the *Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2006*; S.I. 2006 No 559).

Advance claims

- 17 When the first advance claim forms have been received, ODPM and NAW will forward to DWP details of any percentage to be deducted from each LA's monthly subsidy payments throughout the year.

Final claims

- 18 ODPM and NAW HRA subsidy claim forms will contain the formulae necessary for LAs to calculate limitation to be applied as a percentage of their rent rebate subsidy otherwise due. After filling in the limitation cells in the final HRA Subsidy claim form, each LA will need to extract and insert the final subsidy limitation percentage on to the DWP subsidy claim form in order to calculate final subsidy.
- 19 When certifying the DWP final subsidy claim form, the auditor will check that the transcription has occurred correctly. If there are audit queries raised on the HRA subsidy final claim form that affect the limitation percentage, ODPM/NAW will make sure DWP are aware of this, so that audit changes can feed through to both claims.

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Transitional protection

- 21 The transitional protection scheme was introduced in April 2004 to minimise the impact on those LAs that would be losers under the new subsidy arrangements.
- 22 LAs were initially informed of the transitional protection scheme in *HB/CTB Circular S9/2003*. Further detailed information was provided in *HB/CTB Circulars S11/2003, S2/2004, and S8/2004*.
- 23 The maximum loss for LAs will be limited (netted) to 2% in 2006/07. LAs will only qualify for netting if they have been affected in year 2 (2005/06).
- 24 To enable losses for 2006/07 to be netted at 2%, thus providing a level of protection, those LAs who are winners under the new scheme may have to meet some of the costs from the increased subsidy they would otherwise receive. Gaining authorities will see their gains proportionally adjusted to achieve the 2% net.

Transitional protection calculation

- 25 In order to determine entitlement to transitional protection for 2006/07 DWP will need to make a comparison calculation between what your LA would have received had the 2003/04 subsidy rates and rules still applied, with the amount to which you are entitled under the 2006/07 subsidy arrangements.

Timing of the transitional protection calculation

- 26 As indicated in *HB/CTB Circular S8/2004*, two transitional protection calculations will take place. The first (interim) calculation may provide LAs with an indication of how the final calculation may turn out, but until the final comparison calculation is made we will not be in a position to make a final balancing payment/deduction.
- 27 For 2006/07 claims the first calculation will be based on the data from the un-audited final subsidy claim forms that are due to be received by 31 May 2007. The cut off date for the resolution of outstanding issues arising from the un-audited final claims is 1 August 2007, after which a calculation of winners and losers will be undertaken and an interim payment/deduction will be made.
- 28 The second (final) calculation will be based on data from the audited final claim forms that are due to be received by 31 December 2007.
- 29 DWP will adopt a final cut off date of 1 September 2008 for the resolution of outstanding issues arising from the audited final claim after which a recalculation of winners and losers will be undertaken and a final balancing payment/deduction will be made. If a subsidy claim has not been finalised by this date, for the purposes of the transitional protection assessment DWP will base its calculation on the best information available as at 1 September 2008.
- 30 Because the deadline for the final calculation is 1 September 2008 to make an accurate assessment of transitional protection we need to receive data by the deadline.

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Non-HRA rent rebate subsidy thresholds (homeless thresholds) for 2006/07

- 32 The thresholds and caps for 2006/07 were announced in *HB/CTB Circular S5/2005*. The caps have been increase by 2.4%, in line with prices, the thresholds have not been increased for 2006/07.
- 33 The 2006/07 non-HRA threshold and caps are shown in *Appendix 2*. For examples of the application of the non-HRA rent rebate thresholds and caps, see *Appendix 3*.

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Audit arrangements

- 35 Current external audit arrangements will continue to apply. It should again be noted that the audit of the ODPM/NAW HRAS form will have to be completed before that of the DWP form in order to verify any percentage limitation deduction of rent rebate subsidy. LAs should ensure that audit arrangements allow audited final claim deadlines to be met.

Payments of interim subsidy

- 36 DWP will pay all benefit subsidies by 12 monthly instalments throughout the year. It will not be possible, however, to provide for any rent rebate limitation deductions in the April payment as average rent information is not finalised until 31 March 2006. Instalments will be adjusted from May to reflect these deductions (this affects English and Welsh authorities only).
- 37 Authorities are reminded that payments of in-year instalments of subsidy are conditional on the timely completion of both initial and mid-year estimates for subsidy and the provision of associated information required by the DWP. The deadline for submission of the initial estimate is 1 March 2006 and the deadline for submission of the mid-year estimate is 31 August 2006.
- 38 Authorities should note that the deadline for the 2006/07 unaudited final subsidy claim will be 31 May 2007. The deadline for the audited final subsidy claim will be 31 December 2007.
- 39 Authorities are reminded that the Secretary of State has the power to withhold subsidy (either by partial abatement or by totally withholding in-year payments of subsidy) or to make an estimate of the amount of subsidy, if authorities fail to submit properly completed subsidy claims on time.

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Details of the DWP specific grants for LAs administration costs in 2006/07

- 41 From 2006/07 administration subsidy will be announced as a single annual figure for individual LAs and payments will be made by monthly instalments across the financial year. For 2006/07 the total distributed amount of administration subsidy is £555million. The new distribution includes all the available Verification Framework (VF) funding that would have been paid if all LAs were fully compliant with all three modules of the VF.
- 42 As funding for programme protection activities will now be combined with administration subsidy funding and issued much earlier than was the case with Security Against Fraud and Error (SAFE) payments, we need to ensure that LAs remain committed to resourcing and carrying out counter fraud activities. We have therefore started discussions with LA representatives on revisions to the scoring methodology for the *Security* theme in the *HB/CTB Performance Standards* to ensure that the Standards encourage all LAs to become even more effective in minimising fraud and error. This includes meeting VF requirements such as volumes of reviews.
- 43 This combined funding gives LAs the flexibility to fund their administration and security of benefits in accordance with local circumstances. However, as a guide, we expect LAs to direct around a third of their total allocation to security of benefits through effective reviews, visits and counter-fraud investigations.
- 44 The new distribution formula
- is a fairer system of distribution as it provides for turnover of cases and recognition of different costs for different aspects of LA claim maintenance
 - enables LAs to know in advance the level of funding for counter-fraud work
 - is based on more up to date data than the previous distribution.
- 45 Combining the funding elements previously paid as VF and SAFE subsidy and distributing them with HB/CTB administration subsidy using a single formula, allows LAs the opportunity to know their funding level in advance of the financial year (which was not possible under previous arrangements for SAFE), thus providing more stability than under the previous schemes. This provides the first step towards more stable three-year funding settlements that only change in line with new data.
- 46 The distribution formula uses claimant numbers, unlike the previous formula which looked at the number of claims, because research has shown that the extra work inherent in a joint claim does not seem to merit both the HB and CTB element being considered separately. The formula also includes an element to reflect the numbers of new claimants, providing for the extra work associated with more fluid caseloads.
- 47 *Appendix 2* shows the individual allocations for each LA as a result of the new formula, and the effect of the net and cap that has been applied for the 2006/07 year.

Distribution methodology for HB/CTB administration subsidy

- 48 The new distribution for 2006/07 is based upon two main elements
- caseload of live claimants
 - annual volumes of new claimants
- 49 The data used for volumes and make-up of live claimants has been taken from the Housing Benefit Matching Service (HBMS) extracts submitted by each LA using the extract that was closest to 30 June 2005. The data used for annual volumes of new claimants has been derived from the HBMS extracts submitted by the LAs from June 2004 until June 2005. The volumes were derived by looking at the number of claimants present on the first and last extract of each quarter across that period and an estimate was made for each LA individually as to the expected number of new claimants that would not have been captured by those extracts.
- 50 Since the HBMS data only covers successful claimants, the expected volumes of unsuccessful new claimants has been added on to those volumes, by taking the proportion of unsuccessful to successful claims for each LA reported in the MIS Stats 124 data.
- 51 Validation of the data has occurred, by comparing the data provided with that from other sources. In some cases, the data was not wholly reliable, and so estimates have been made where appropriate. It is important, therefore, for LAs to ensure that their data returns are accurate in order to avoid receiving incorrect payments of subsidy in future years.
- 52 The new distribution takes into account the research carried out by Risk Solutions into the administration costs to LAs of the HB and CTB schemes. From this research the weightings shown in *Table 1* overleaf have been derived for different tenure types, and applied to the relevant caseload figures.

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Table 1

New Claims case types	Weightings
Rent Rebates – not receiving income based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)), Income Support (IS) or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.56
Rent Rebates – receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.09
Council Tax Benefit – not receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.47
Council Tax Benefit – receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.00
Housing Associations – not receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.60
Housing Associations – receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.13
Rent Allowances (other than Housing Associations) – not receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.72
Rent Allowances (other than Housing Associations) – receiving JSA(IB), IS or Pension Credit (guarantee credit)	1.23
Live Claims case types	
Council Tax Benefit only	1.52
Rent Rebates	1.51
Housing Associations	2.00
Rent Allowances (other than Housing Associations)	2.13

- 53 The formula also makes provision for any future national roll-out of the Local Housing Allowance. At the moment, further research will be needed to calculate the weightings for such cases, but this variable can be included as additional case types into the formula.

Labour cost adjustments

- 54 In previous years, weightings have been applied to reflect the different labour costs that exist in England, Scotland and Wales. These weightings were derived from figures on average labour costs for clerical workers from the New Earnings Survey.
- 55 The New Earnings Survey is no longer being conducted, but has been replaced by a similar survey, also conducted by the Office for National Statistics, called the *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings* (ASHE). This has been used to derive the indices to represent a split between England, Scotland and Wales.
- 56 The ODPM's Labour Cost Adjustment (LCA) ratios from the Environmental, Protective and Cultural Services (EPCS) aspect of the Local Government Finance Settlement have been applied to the English LAs.

57 Table 2 below shows a summary of the regional values for the 2006/07 distribution.

Table 2

ASHE survey	Weight
England	1.0050
Wales	0.9517
Scotland	0.9782
ODPM LCAs	
Avon	1.0461
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Non-Fringe	1.0631
Berkshire Non-Fringe	1.1601
Berkshire, Surrey and West Sussex Fringe	1.1702
Buckinghamshire Non-Fringe	1.1073
Cambridgeshire	1.0622
Cheshire	1.0271
Common Council of the City of London	1.5780
East Sussex	1.0140
Essex Non-Fringe	1.0093
Gloucestershire	1.0238
Greater Manchester	1.0223
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	1.0527
Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire Fringe	1.1288
Inner London boroughs	1.3362
Kent and Essex Fringe	1.1036
Kent Non-Fringe	1.0108
Leicestershire	1.0014
Northamptonshire	1.0272
Oxfordshire	1.0966
Suffolk	1.0015
Warwickshire	1.0334
West Midlands	1.0297
West Sussex Non-Fringe	1.0229
West Yorkshire	1.0108
West, North West and South West Outer London boroughs	1.1863
Wiltshire	1.0391
Rest of Outer London boroughs	1.1034
Rest of England	1.0000

Accommodation factors

- 58 In previous years, weightings have also been applied to reflect the different accommodation costs that exist in England, Scotland and Wales.
- 59 The latest update of the Property Market Report (produced by the Valuations Office Agency) has been used to derive the indices to represent a split between England, Scotland and Wales.

- 60 The ODPM's Rates Cost Adjustment (RCA) ratios from the EPCS aspect of the Local Government Finance Settlement have been applied to the English LAs.
- 61 *Table 3* below shows a summary of the regional values for the 2006/07 distribution.

Table 3

Property Market Report	Weight
England	1.0238
Wales	0.6561
Scotland	1.0238
ODPM's RCAs	
City of London	4.9163
Inner London	2.4628
Outer London	1.7345
London Fringe	2.2748
Rest of the South East	1.3738
South East Fringe	1.3712
Northern ACA area	1.3190
Rest of England	1.0000

Treatment of stock transfers

- 62 We have agreed with the LAAs for the inclusion of any Large Scale Voluntary Transfers (LSVTs). All LSVTs occurring before the end of June 2005, and confirmed as being completed by ODPM, NAW and the Scottish Executive have been taken into account in the 2006/07 distribution.

The formula

- 63 The subsidy is distributed among LAs by taking HB and CTB caseloads into account, with different weightings for different case types such as private or LA housing, and adjustments to compensate for variations in accommodation and labour costs between regions.
- 64 The administration subsidy for a particular LA is equal to a fraction of the total administration subsidy. This fraction is calculated using the Adjusted Caseloads and the labour and accommodation indices which are scaled by the average which has been weighted by caseload

$$\text{Factor} = \text{Adjusted Caseload} \times [0.25 + 0.65 \times \text{Scaled Labour indices} + 0.1 \times \text{Scaled Accommodation indices}]$$

$$\text{Admin Subsidy} = \text{Factor} \times \text{Total Admin Subsidy} / \text{Sum of Factors for all LAs}$$

The Adjusted Caseloads for HB and CTB are calculated by applying the relevant weighting to each aspect of the caseload (both liveload and new claim volumes using the weights from *Table 1*) and summing the total.

- 65 As funding is from a fixed pot, scalings are based upon national caseloads, and netting and capping is calculated in relation to all 408 LAs, it is not possible for individual LAs to calculate their own subsidy.

Transitional Protection Scheme

- 66 It has been agreed that a Transitional Protection Scheme will apply over the three year period 2006/07 to 2008/09 to provide a buffer to those authorities who would otherwise sustain a subsidy reduction under the new distribution formula.

2006/07

- 67 To calculate a netting figure, a baseline has been constructed. This baseline figure is based upon the latest available data of the following elements
- administration subsidy paid under the old formula for 2005/06
 - VF funding allocation for 2005/06 for all modules (excluding set-up funds). For most LAs this will be the amount paid out for VF on-going funding, for others it represents what they would have received had they been fully VF compliant and is therefore a higher amount than actually received. (This means that *HB/CTB Circular S3/2005, paragraph 9* will no longer apply for 2006/07, although set-up funding is still available for the rest of 2005/06.)
 - unaudited SAFE subsidy claims for 2004/05
- 68 The 2006/07 administration subsidy distribution reflects the application of a 0% net to the **overall** baseline figure constructed for each authority. The net ensures that no LA receives a reduction of their previous year's allocation. In order to achieve this netting, a cap has been imposed which has restricted gain from the new formula to a maximum of 2.4% for 2006/07.

2007/08 and 2008/09

- 69 It has been agreed that the working group will reconvene during 2006. This will enable DWP/LAA representatives to see the distribution once the relevant caseload data is known and then consider netting and capping for future years.
- 70 Subject to levels of funding and revised data, the preferred option is for a 10% net for 2007/08, and a 20% net for 2008/09. However, no firm decision on this will be made until the relevant caseload data has been considered, and discussions have been made with the reconvened working group. The long term intention is, however, to phase out the netting and capping using this tiered approach.

Accounting implications

- 71 Under CIPFA's Best Value Accounting Code of Practice, (BV ACOP) LAs are required to report the cost of HB and CTB administration net of subsidy. In 2005/06 this was straightforward, since DWP notified LAs of subsidy payments for both HB and CTB administration subsidy.

- 72 From 2006/07 DWP will no longer notify authorities of individual separate amounts of HB and CTB subsidy. Instead an overall total is notified. We have therefore discussed with CIPFA the options open to authorities to comply with BVACOP. The advice we have received is that the best way forward is for LAs to calculate and split their HB and CTB administration subsidy income pro rata to their expenditure on HB and CTB administration. This would provide an approximate apportionment which authorities could then use to calculate a net cost, recognising that no other basis of calculation is readily available. This has the advantage of not affecting the CIPFA service expenditure analysis and does not appear to pose any other accounting problems for authorities. CIPFA will be reviewing and amending the BVACOP accordingly in 2006/07.

Payments of subsidy

- 73 Payments of interim administration subsidy will be made in 12 monthly instalments beginning in April. As always, the overall grant available to support HB and CTB administration costs is cash limited and so there is no provision for any adjustments to be made to individual authority's allocations.

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Discretionary Housing Payments – Government contribution for 2006/07

Introduction

75 Although, for administrative convenience, this information has been issued in this circular, Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) are stand-alone payments and do not form part of HB/CTB entitlement. You should note that the DHP government contribution is **not** subsidy, and this is why it is subject to a separate claims procedure.

Background

76 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. Guidance was issued to you on 16 March 2001 on how these arrangements should operate. The relevant regulations are the *Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001* (SI 2001 No. 1167).

77 The financial arrangements are covered in the Discretionary Housing Payments (Grants) Order 2001, which also came into effect on 2 July 2001. This Order covers such issues as how LAs should submit claims, record-keeping and audit requirements, re-imbursement of DHPs, and it sets the overall limit on expenditure at 2.5 times each LA's contribution from central Government. *HB/CTB Circular S5/2001* set out how the re-imbursement of DHPs should operate.

Distribution of the government contribution and upper limit for 2006/07

78 For 2006/07 the overall financial limit has been set at £50m, of which £20m is made up of the government contribution. This means that the amounts are unchanged from 2005/06. The distribution methodology for 2006/07 remains unchanged from last year's and is intended, as far as possible, to target resources according to need.

79 The distribution formula

- a allocates to each LA a sum equivalent to the mid-point between its DHP spend for 2004/2005 and its contribution for that year (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), and
- b allocates the balance of the overall £20m on the basis of each LA's HB/CTB expenditure and an estimate of the extent of its rent restrictions

80 This method is intended to pick up where there appears to be a mismatch between the 2004/05 spend and the contribution, and also eliminates any very large decreases in contribution that could occur if a 'spend-only' method was used. Inevitably, as some authorities will receive an allocation above their previous contribution, there will be others that lose compared with their earlier contribution.

- 81 In order to ensure that none of the Local Housing Allowance Pathfinder loses out under these arrangements, their 2006/07 contribution has been topped up, where appropriate, to their 2005/06 level.
- 82 *Appendix 2* shows each LAs allocation and upper spending limit.

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2006/07 Benefit subsidy arrangements – Summary

Basic rates of subsidy

	Arrangements 2005/06		Arrangements 2006/07		Remarks
	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	No change

Other rates of subsidy

	Arrangements 2005/06		Arrangements 2006/07		Remarks
1 Backdated awards	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	No change
2 Overpayments					
i) caused by LA error	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%, 40% or nil	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%, 40% or nil	No change
ii) caused by claimant fraud	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	40%	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	40%	No change
iii) rebate credited in advance of entitlement (when overpayment arises from change of circumstances)	All rent rebate and Council Tax Benefit	Nil	All rent rebate and Council Tax Benefit	Nil	No change

	Arrangements 2005/06		Arrangements 2006/07		Remarks
iv) rebate credited in advance of entitlement (when overpayment arises from other than change of circumstances and is recoverable)	All rent rebate and Council Tax Benefit	Nil	All rent rebate and Council Tax Benefit	Nil	No change
v) caused by DWP local office error	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	100%	No change
vi) caused by delayed award of transitional relief or budget substitution claimant (capping)	Council Tax Benefit	Nil	Council Tax Benefit	Nil	No change
vii) claimant error/other overpayments not covered by i) to vi) above	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	40%	All Housing and Council Tax Benefit	40%	No change
3 Duplicate payments alleged to have been lost/stolen/not received and are later found to have been cashed	Rent allowance	25%	Rent allowance	25%	No change
4 Disproportionate increase in LA rents – HB attributable to increase in rents of HB Tenants which exceed those of non-HB tenants	Scotland and New Towns Rent Rebate	Nil	Scotland and New Towns Rent Rebate	Nil	No change
	Wales HRA rent rebate	Nil	Wales HRA rent rebate	Nil	

	Arrangements 2005/06		Arrangements 2006/07		Remarks
5 Unreasonable rents – deregulated private sector tenancies (cases not affected by the January 1996 changes only)	Rent allowances (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent officer determination)	60% or Nil	Rent allowances (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent officer determination)	60% or Nil	No change
6 Homeless people in board and lodging accommodation	Rent rebates in Board & Lodge (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rebate threshold up to level of cap)	10%	Rent rebates in Board & Lodge (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rebate threshold up to level of cap)	10%	No change
	Above cap	Nil	Above cap	Nil	
7 Homeless people in accommodation held on license by LAs	Subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent rebate threshold up to level of cap	100%	Subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent rebate threshold up to level of cap	100%	No change
	Above cap	Nil	Above cap	Nil	
8 Short term leased accommodation	For short term leased accommodation in GB (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent rebate threshold up to level of cap)	100%	For short term leased accommodation in GB (subsidy on HB attributable to rent above rent rebate threshold up to level of cap)	100%	No change
	Above cap	Nil	Above cap	Nil	
9 Modular Improvements Rule	HRA rent rebates in England and Wales	Nil	HRA rent rebates in England and Wales	Nil	No change

2006/07 Individual LA allocations – Summary

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
England						
Adur	464,591	117.63	208.18	9,068	22,670	0.463
Allerdale	958,936	94.42	166.78	9,433	23,583	1.441
Alnwick	246,020	81.85	145.23	5,348	13,370	0.233
Amber Valley	918,873	94.89	167.80	23,313	58,283	1.351
Arun	1,119,127	123.12	217.48	42,860	107,150	1.463
Ashfield	884,292	89.10	157.56	27,387	68,468	0.773
Ashford	686,167	116.91	206.73	29,412	73,530	0.679
Aylesbury Vale	766,303	113.05	200.37	16,382	40,955	0.816
Babergh	521,463	108.20	191.31	20,222	50,555	0.527
Barking	2,037,824	223.51	355.32	54,685	136,713	1.730
Barnet	2,832,258	223.51	355.32	215,597	538,993	4.943
Barnsley	2,205,933	79.15	140.95	34,633	86,583	1.640
Barrow in Furness	819,973	98.76	174.63	11,083	27,708	0.801
Basildon	1,571,112	114.95	203.26	39,793	99,483	1.590
Basingstoke and Deane	967,560	117.07	206.80	21,314	53,285	1.740
Bassetlaw	859,394	99.33	175.65	12,525	31,313	0.726
Bath and NE Somerset	1,254,778	100.71	177.90	49,500	123,750	2.162
Bedford	1,299,391	93.24	165.29	43,962	109,905	2.335
Berwick upon Tweed	286,511	88.60	156.65	7,031	17,578	0.194
Bexley	1,745,432	223.51	355.32	56,409	141,023	3.434
Birmingham	12,475,794	95.47	169.29	686,315	1,715,788	12.895
Blaby	328,544	85.08	150.76	8,715	21,788	0.400
Blackburn with Darwen	1,778,940	108.94	192.43	44,376	110,940	2.783
Blackpool	2,607,336	90.73	164.69	109,313	273,283	2.862
Blyth Valley	904,950	75.02	133.00	14,839	37,098	0.697
Bolsover	702,096	77.36	139.66	6,357	15,893	0.652

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Bolton	2,733,972	81.72	145.82	83,356	208,390	2.590
Boston	516,218	85.21	150.85	5,845	14,613	0.716
Bournemouth	1,723,844	102.41	192.46	59,989	149,973	2.486
Bracknell Forest	597,926	127.20	228.58	14,847	37,118	0.684
Bradford	4,945,062	86.20	161.99	127,238	318,095	6.463
Braintree	893,915	104.64	185.03	26,247	65,618	0.802
Breckland	942,788	107.01	189.70	22,563	56,408	1.415
Brent	3,900,051	223.51	375.78	250,674	626,685	7.350
Brentwood	351,021	118.62	209.76	18,509	46,273	0.405
Bridgnorth	376,949	96.45	171.82	8,342	20,855	0.306
Brighton and Hove	3,328,896	105.84	207.96	279,425	698,563	5.150
Bristol	4,136,619	93.23	184.32	146,215	365,538	4.250
Broadland	638,765	107.01	189.70	13,046	32,615	0.995
Bromley	2,288,663	223.51	355.32	70,768	176,920	4.503
Bromsgrove	439,854	99.45	183.77	9,271	23,178	0.373
Broxbourne	678,950	126.48	223.65	25,863	64,658	0.680
Broxtowe	647,002	81.36	145.09	16,931	42,328	0.667
Burnley	1,184,284	96.75	170.90	19,129	47,823	1.664
Bury	1,396,125	94.23	166.63	47,362	118,405	1.547
Calderdale	1,921,135	83.75	148.18	48,946	122,365	2.751
Cambridge	861,033	111.41	197.00	26,568	66,420	0.875
Camden	3,880,446	223.51	374.07	179,204	448,010	5.315
Cannock Chase	653,682	99.89	182.66	8,605	21,513	0.555
Canterbury	1,017,373	112.34	198.63	30,434	76,085	1.305
Caradon	657,976	94.69	167.43	24,749	61,873	0.687
Carlisle	943,314	92.14	162.92	13,107	32,768	1.235
Carrick	743,232	107.83	190.67	23,452	58,630	0.823
Castle Morpeth	284,358	88.89	157.18	13,698	34,245	0.248
Castle Point	491,478	122.30	216.25	21,539	53,848	0.689

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Charnwood	759,681	85.61	151.40	19,338	48,345	0.817
Chelmsford	908,480	119.70	212.44	36,563	91,408	1.315
Cheltenham	878,405	121.58	214.97	15,397	38,493	0.917
Cherwell	1,034,916	117.87	208.71	55,262	138,155	1.072
Chester	956,974	89.00	157.20	24,270	60,675	1.159
Chester le Street	459,792	82.28	145.95	6,525	16,313	0.319
Chesterfield	1,076,054	81.69	144.45	29,821	74,553	0.832
Chichester	1,017,546	118.48	209.27	92,911	232,278	0.877
Chiltern	481,532	117.07	206.80	39,616	99,040	0.829
Chorley	726,694	83.82	149.03	8,044	20,110	0.821
Christchurch	373,358	100.71	189.07	20,105	50,263	0.583
City of London	130,041	223.51	355.32	1,816	4,540	0.448
Colchester	1,072,497	110.25	196.54	127,410	318,525	1.278
Congleton	510,171	94.42	166.78	14,484	36,210	0.747
Copeland	675,338	88.71	168.53	12,054	30,135	0.747
Corby	486,080	91.42	167.05	5,776	14,440	0.349
Cotswold	570,370	100.71	177.90	14,121	35,303	0.996
Coventry	3,487,561	81.21	159.38	100,545	251,363	5.119
Craven	292,797	100.12	177.04	9,497	23,743	0.473
Crawley	819,798	126.74	224.91	27,117	67,793	0.648
Crewe and Nantwich	830,132	99.90	184.00	22,286	55,715	1.181
Croydon	3,134,825	223.51	369.09	170,739	426,848	4.925
Dacorum	877,167	110.97	198.70	63,027	157,568	0.874
Darlington	970,273	86.96	153.76	27,414	68,535	1.034
Dartford	584,640	114.85	203.08	14,947	37,368	0.599
Daventry	400,887	91.32	161.47	5,185	12,963	0.401
Derby	2,224,481	90.19	159.50	102,810	257,025	2.325
Derbyshire Dales	392,332	91.57	162.27	13,025	32,563	0.368
Derwentside	1,002,737	89.71	158.63	16,023	40,058	0.656

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Doncaster	2,802,700	82.28	147.95	65,743	164,358	2.156
Dover	993,197	116.94	206.78	51,376	128,440	1.269
Dudley	2,735,778	95.78	171.85	58,410	146,025	1.979
Durham City	648,557	84.71	151.79	14,079	35,198	0.534
Ealing	3,088,321	223.51	359.62	234,807	587,018	5.095
Easington	1,181,415	87.21	154.20	20,774	51,935	0.804
East Cambridgeshire	474,922	107.01	189.70	10,837	27,093	0.830
East Devon	719,993	91.41	171.78	67,113	167,783	0.879
East Dorset	461,128	100.71	189.07	22,418	56,045	0.700
East Hampshire	569,190	117.07	206.80	20,043	50,108	1.085
East Hertfordshire	707,366	127.90	226.97	35,483	88,708	0.965
East Lindsey	1,249,863	87.82	155.45	30,811	77,028	1.555
East Northamptonshire	542,911	98.10	173.67	6,703	16,758	0.625
East Riding of Yorkshire	2,163,660	87.66	159.14	67,999	169,998	2.306
East Staffordshire	755,172	85.52	151.06	7,397	18,493	0.815
Eastbourne	1,033,093	105.32	197.95	67,187	167,968	1.539
Eastleigh	691,194	117.07	206.80	15,911	39,778	1.302
Eden	313,746	94.42	166.78	4,743	11,858	0.514
Ellesmere Port and Neston	533,394	73.57	149.46	18,635	46,588	0.452
Elmbridge	717,819	133.53	235.85	145,940	364,850	1.536
Enfield	2,822,529	223.51	355.32	151,495	378,738	4.216
Epping Forest	788,860	113.34	200.97	24,847	62,118	0.927
Epsom and Ewell	342,404	117.07	206.80	23,729	59,323	0.654
Erewash	835,900	83.97	148.80	20,177	50,443	0.937
Exeter	893,465	88.54	166.40	33,815	84,538	1.103
Fareham	471,565	110.95	200.14	19,424	48,560	0.552
Fenland	740,782	100.56	177.83	11,345	28,363	0.631
Forest Heath	323,870	99.04	175.13	10,641	26,603	0.287
Forest of Dean	600,635	96.52	170.67	12,039	30,098	0.830

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Fylde	569,810	82.51	145.73	10,831	27,078	0.707
Gateshead	2,534,131	87.29	154.36	37,723	94,308	1.850
Gedling	636,592	83.14	147.64	17,762	44,405	0.775
Gloucester	1,007,393	105.41	186.39	21,916	54,790	1.235
Gosport	612,066	108.81	192.41	10,934	27,335	0.701
Gravesham	682,131	111.04	196.36	13,310	33,275	0.719
Great Yarmouth	1,127,255	83.55	157.02	49,961	124,903	1.107
Greenwich	3,546,086	223.51	355.32	311,212	778,030	3.511
Guildford	696,678	134.07	237.08	39,233	98,083	0.854
Hackney	4,921,843	223.51	355.82	131,241	328,103	6.004
Halton	1,428,144	86.83	159.06	33,133	82,833	1.810
Hambleton	479,880	83.08	156.20	12,075	30,188	0.767
Hammersmith and Fulham	3,030,128	223.51	355.32	126,768	316,920	4.245
Harborough	308,453	103.09	182.28	7,755	19,388	0.360
Haringey	3,988,001	223.51	355.32	202,375	505,938	6.101
Harlow	792,890	109.42	193.47	13,688	34,220	0.572
Harrogate	786,423	106.57	188.46	43,531	108,828	1.078
Harrow	1,702,813	223.51	390.44	112,353	280,883	3.099
Hart	317,357	117.07	206.80	12,440	31,100	0.563
Hartlepool	1,440,144	90.16	159.43	38,601	96,503	1.171
Hastings	1,330,158	117.07	206.80	66,900	167,250	2.421
Havant	873,905	117.07	206.80	24,953	62,383	1.297
Havering	1,609,272	223.51	355.32	62,486	156,215	1.631
Herefordshire	1,442,331	89.64	158.52	49,931	124,828	1.618
Hertsmere	795,873	107.01	189.70	22,795	56,988	1.209
High Peak	629,871	96.94	171.41	30,952	77,380	0.644
Hillingdon	2,258,065	223.51	392.59	128,936	322,340	2.921
Hinckley and Bosworth	485,135	93.60	165.52	12,173	30,433	0.509
Horsham	656,729	138.41	244.47	33,810	84,525	0.825

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Hounslow	2,000,420	223.51	355.32	77,148	192,870	2.632
Huntingdonshire	891,436	115.92	205.50	36,469	91,173	1.493
Hyndburn	1,062,417	93.45	165.07	21,693	54,233	0.984
Ipswich	1,325,943	99.72	176.32	86,413	216,033	1.218
Isle of Wight	1,464,942	117.07	206.80	39,165	97,913	2.374
Isles of Scilly	10,251	104.08	184.04	199	498	0.015
Islington	4,040,217	223.51	368.15	80,073	200,183	3.626
Kennet	480,154	100.71	177.90	11,341	28,353	0.843
Kensington and Chelsea	2,609,905	223.51	405.66	175,845	439,613	4.532
Kerrier	929,895	100.71	177.90	37,217	93,043	1.396
Kettering	528,662	90.21	160.83	16,390	40,975	0.539
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	1,117,700	87.62	163.25	32,532	81,330	0.989
Kingston upon Hull	3,575,337	90.63	166.28	110,563	276,408	3.230
Kingston upon Thames	986,179	223.51	381.54	53,801	134,503	1.279
Kirklees	3,560,719	91.86	162.45	100,329	250,823	3.026
Knowsley	2,504,176	102.02	180.40	51,756	129,390	1.628
Lambeth	4,899,287	223.51	355.32	135,165	337,913	5.736
Lancaster	1,201,235	90.85	160.63	23,834	59,585	1.549
Leeds	7,214,548	83.41	157.14	298,587	746,468	7.075
Leicester	2,898,716	92.52	163.44	74,420	186,050	3.037
Lewes	653,550	113.59	202.24	28,947	72,368	0.902
Lewisham	4,342,940	223.51	355.32	181,931	454,828	4.022
Lichfield	691,937	92.82	163.96	25,469	63,673	0.856
Lincoln	979,694	87.56	154.83	35,633	89,083	0.727
Liverpool	8,226,762	93.12	164.69	217,408	543,520	9.458
Luton	1,583,092	114.55	202.56	52,098	130,245	1.927
Macclesfield	812,532	103.10	197.84	46,657	116,643	0.983
Maidstone	967,587	116.30	205.64	70,448	176,120	0.894
Maldon	569,990	107.01	189.70	9,984	24,960	0.717

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Malvern Hills	520,665	92.82	163.96	19,323	48,308	0.825
Manchester	7,381,840	109.17	193.03	351,189	877,973	7.684
Mansfield	997,354	93.71	165.53	22,556	56,390	0.896
Medway	2,225,582	114.85	203.08	72,528	181,320	3.713
Melton	241,719	84.14	152.81	4,705	11,763	0.270
Mendip	790,635	99.23	175.29	32,155	80,388	0.987
Merton	1,420,769	223.51	355.32	104,450	261,125	2.230
Mid Bedfordshire	690,066	106.32	188.68	14,315	35,788	0.916
Mid Devon	434,239	94.27	166.71	22,116	55,290	0.533
Mid Suffolk	415,646	100.56	177.83	17,134	42,835	0.460
Mid Sussex	702,520	117.07	206.80	26,693	66,733	1.308
Middlesbrough	2,074,866	98.66	174.46	51,666	129,165	1.823
Milton Keynes	1,741,690	114.35	203.06	47,004	117,510	1.900
Mole Valley	409,563	113.82	201.26	23,126	57,815	0.444
New Forest	1,035,764	126.10	222.99	48,196	120,490	1.251
Newark and Sherwood	722,959	87.56	154.82	19,409	48,523	0.854
Newcastle under Lyme	940,581	78.70	154.48	7,798	19,495	1.319
Newcastle upon Tyne	3,811,546	85.76	151.64	84,800	212,000	3.185
Newham	4,356,826	223.51	355.32	306,904	767,260	6.916
North Cornwall	855,082	95.06	168.08	32,022	80,055	0.741
North Devon	922,086	109.95	194.21	20,639	51,598	1.418
North Dorset	379,623	100.71	177.90	10,290	25,725	0.669
North East Derby	637,896	79.87	144.84	10,022	25,055	0.466
North East Lincoln	1,864,304	85.81	157.04	47,811	119,528	1.879
North Hertfordshire	960,531	115.06	209.56	28,496	71,240	1.485
North Kesteven	496,631	87.53	154.76	18,028	45,070	0.467
North Lincolnshire	1,319,194	83.07	147.43	30,393	75,983	1.046
North Norfolk	693,742	92.45	163.68	25,062	62,655	0.791
North Shropshire	388,232	86.90	154.64	9,277	23,193	0.379

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
North Somerset	1,393,347	115.92	204.97	91,115	227,788	1.990
North Tyneside	2,339,134	80.25	142.68	30,499	76,248	1.969
North Warwickshire	437,003	91.58	164.56	16,674	41,685	0.419
North West Leicester	583,539	86.63	153.18	8,213	20,533	0.518
North Wiltshire	670,088	100.71	177.90	17,467	43,668	1.262
Northampton	1,479,385	113.90	201.39	34,873	87,183	1.270
Norwich	1,600,249	90.26	160.15	36,254	90,635	1.161
Nottingham	3,525,918	83.96	148.47	70,433	176,083	3.219
Nuneaton and Bedworth	923,873	88.81	158.64	36,428	91,070	0.838
Oadby and Wigston	235,459	85.39	151.83	11,326	28,315	0.303
Oldham	2,265,895	83.75	156.81	41,283	103,208	2.151
Oswestry	274,849	89.56	158.36	2,687	6,718	0.248
Oxford	1,228,342	122.71	219.06	59,431	148,578	1.862
Pendle	939,702	87.23	154.26	19,989	49,973	0.988
Penwith	768,266	94.58	177.56	42,574	106,435	1.249
Peterborough	1,637,757	114.08	201.73	70,920	177,300	1.457
Plymouth	2,409,208	92.07	162.79	62,399	155,998	2.810
Poole	944,946	104.52	196.22	47,382	118,455	1.237
Portsmouth	1,853,841	111.09	196.41	70,507	176,268	2.412
Preston	1,331,752	94.99	167.95	20,116	50,290	1.442
Purbeck	302,203	116.19	205.43	10,145	25,363	0.361
Reading	1,300,475	135.67	239.89	83,586	208,965	1.696
Redbridge	2,187,178	223.51	361.23	137,290	343,225	3.737
Redcar and Cleveland	1,644,402	94.34	166.81	29,131	72,828	1.621
Redditch	639,123	100.51	177.74	9,206	23,015	0.455
Reigate and Banstead	689,402	131.92	233.26	18,646	46,615	0.979
Restormel	902,965	108.16	191.05	23,680	59,200	1.369
Ribble Valley	248,379	81.96	144.92	4,617	11,543	0.301
Richmond upon Thames	1,229,465	223.51	355.32	111,420	278,550	2.314

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Richmondshire	226,117	97.21	171.88	9,767	24,418	0.267
Rochdale	2,430,386	87.10	154.02	61,153	152,883	2.266
Rochford	440,315	103.82	183.56	14,410	36,025	0.566
Rossendale	580,171	88.21	155.81	13,730	34,325	0.554
Rother	833,721	117.07	206.80	54,165	135,413	1.295
Rotherham	2,424,981	73.64	135.70	35,605	89,013	1.783
Rugby	599,031	94.15	167.55	8,166	20,415	0.560
Runnymede	539,293	138.57	245.03	16,626	41,565	0.522
Rushcliffe	500,350	96.48	172.21	10,198	25,495	0.735
Rushmoor	576,257	117.07	206.80	11,356	28,390	1.113
Rutland	133,560	102.90	181.96	9,112	22,780	0.161
Ryedale	359,090	83.08	156.20	8,047	20,118	0.552
Salford	2,999,144	96.36	170.38	88,368	220,920	2.489
Salisbury	680,873	121.97	221.28	68,752	171,880	0.779
Sandwell	3,585,943	103.71	184.98	50,624	126,560	2.470
Scarborough	1,142,319	98.94	174.94	31,159	77,898	1.353
Sedgefield	1,035,466	85.26	151.18	16,962	42,405	0.656
Sedgemoor	760,878	106.66	188.60	18,638	46,595	0.917
Sefton	2,835,784	98.01	173.56	81,307	203,268	3.236
Selby	399,963	92.79	164.09	9,093	22,733	0.437
Sevenoaks	750,938	117.07	206.80	38,821	97,053	1.283
Sheffield	5,250,153	83.75	148.21	103,553	258,883	3.659
Shepway	1,047,594	107.33	189.78	34,957	87,393	1.296
Shrewsbury and Atcham	723,701	95.11	168.18	26,691	66,728	0.628
Slough	1,140,095	122.26	218.49	28,351	70,878	1.203
Solihull	1,243,665	99.57	176.07	30,744	76,860	1.108
South Bedfordshire	672,310	119.67	212.85	21,158	52,895	0.700
South Bucks	320,668	117.07	206.80	16,744	41,860	0.627
South Cambridgeshire	558,174	119.89	212.00	25,310	63,275	0.642

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
South Derbyshire	467,533	94.21	166.57	22,084	55,210	0.520
South Gloucestershire	1,165,263	102.68	185.15	47,300	118,250	1.383
South Hams	636,219	100.71	177.90	44,446	111,115	1.068
South Holland	459,882	89.35	158.00	4,256	10,640	0.374
South Kesteven	681,616	92.28	165.21	18,630	46,575	0.697
South Lakeland	564,449	106.13	193.24	25,562	63,905	0.654
South Norfolk	701,227	97.21	171.88	24,794	61,985	0.609
South Northants	271,923	106.08	189.05	6,796	16,990	0.366
South Oxfordshire	730,192	117.07	206.80	28,439	71,098	1.315
South Ribble	660,992	94.42	166.78	7,922	19,805	0.969
South Shropshire	313,314	92.82	163.96	5,722	14,305	0.491
South Somerset	1,144,862	100.71	177.90	60,615	151,538	1.769
South Staffordshire	649,168	92.82	163.96	15,025	37,563	1.047
South Tyneside	2,419,012	78.12	139.95	22,511	56,278	1.411
Southampton	2,234,399	98.03	192.58	65,714	164,285	2.621
Southend on Sea	1,981,774	106.44	188.21	99,743	249,358	2.616
Southwark	4,894,618	223.51	355.32	153,820	384,550	4.401
Spelthorne	614,324	117.07	206.80	15,192	37,980	1.133
St Albans	652,738	118.06	210.28	45,896	114,740	0.775
St Edmundsbury	703,740	106.04	188.19	21,171	52,928	0.595
St Helens	2,187,234	100.64	177.95	51,401	128,503	1.630
Stafford	633,823	92.82	163.96	19,099	47,748	0.632
Staffordshire Moorlands	519,502	90.27	159.45	11,615	29,038	0.578
Stevenage	782,138	116.92	206.74	17,982	44,955	0.541
Stockport	2,034,774	85.47	168.28	114,310	285,775	2.247
Stockton on Tees	1,674,181	89.51	159.71	26,318	65,795	1.621
Stoke on Trent	2,429,393	89.33	157.94	56,353	140,883	2.269
Stratford on Avon	702,802	92.82	163.96	36,909	92,273	1.142
Stroud	637,966	107.03	189.25	17,518	43,795	0.642

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Suffolk Coastal	867,772	97.13	172.18	35,747	89,368	1.234
Sunderland	4,129,469	97.04	171.42	48,326	120,815	5.762
Surrey Heath	348,929	117.07	206.80	10,002	25,005	0.605
Sutton	1,360,895	223.51	355.32	73,588	183,970	1.671
Swale	1,079,274	117.07	206.80	47,046	117,615	2.106
Swindon	1,260,063	95.38	170.55	15,298	38,245	1.242
Tameside	2,611,752	99.17	175.17	50,582	126,455	3.692
Tamworth	537,370	97.36	173.35	8,686	21,715	0.476
Tandridge	353,577	116.83	208.32	30,081	75,203	0.437
Taunton Deane	755,714	94.94	167.87	23,227	58,068	0.810
Teesdale	178,823	87.05	153.92	2,607	6,518	0.227
Teignbridge	983,331	112.26	198.51	45,044	112,610	1.114
Telford and Wrekin	1,711,278	92.82	163.96	31,870	79,675	2.703
Tendring	1,311,541	98.00	184.18	39,689	99,223	1.683
Test Valley	626,155	113.80	201.00	27,114	67,785	1.038
Tewkesbury	496,873	92.87	164.04	11,435	28,588	0.800
Thanet	1,725,269	106.35	188.05	35,105	87,763	2.359
Three Rivers	518,110	120.56	214.80	29,182	72,955	0.512
Thurrock	1,270,977	113.49	200.65	19,266	48,165	1.117
Tonbridge and Malling	793,253	117.07	206.80	27,735	69,338	1.180
Torbay	1,596,604	103.66	183.10	59,741	149,353	2.472
Torridge	495,365	102.57	181.36	15,104	37,760	0.650
Tower Hamlets	4,611,770	223.51	383.37	156,025	390,063	4.704
Trafford	1,591,947	95.94	169.64	35,627	89,068	1.937
Tunbridge Wells	835,935	117.07	206.80	32,485	81,213	1.486
Tynedale	387,486	93.57	165.28	19,781	49,453	0.595
Uttlesford	427,884	117.32	207.52	27,965	69,913	0.385
Vale of White Horse	665,282	117.07	206.80	25,266	63,165	1.022
Vale Royal	907,328	94.94	167.88	10,761	26,903	0.848

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Wakefield	2,805,923	83.83	160.09	65,898	164,745	2.103
Walsall	3,056,900	95.48	168.85	30,966	77,415	4.048
Waltham Forest	2,930,557	223.51	376.70	174,722	436,805	4.000
Wandsworth	3,260,592	223.51	399.94	109,400	273,500	4.607
Wansbeck	698,492	74.07	130.97	5,135	12,838	0.496
Warrington	1,471,419	95.33	168.56	36,507	91,268	1.410
Warwick	860,250	101.13	181.21	27,276	68,190	0.936
Watford	704,314	117.41	207.59	20,261	50,653	0.708
Waveney	1,203,579	92.30	163.21	24,482	61,205	1.445
Waverley	548,201	127.22	224.72	40,247	100,618	0.682
Wealden	708,880	99.81	196.09	70,192	175,480	0.942
Wear Valley	741,774	86.22	152.44	14,681	36,703	0.589
Wellingborough	584,038	93.99	166.18	5,987	14,968	0.461
Welwyn Hatfield	769,565	110.25	198.02	20,905	52,263	0.610
West Berkshire	855,889	117.07	206.80	39,019	97,548	1.471
West Devon	315,963	100.71	177.90	17,181	42,953	0.537
West Dorset	736,526	100.71	177.90	27,287	68,218	1.195
West Lancashire	956,060	89.13	158.95	34,266	85,665	0.701
West Lindsey	661,281	86.71	153.51	17,127	42,818	0.884
West Oxfordshire	567,939	112.22	198.24	15,482	38,705	0.619
West Somerset	382,671	100.71	177.90	14,129	35,323	0.600
West Wiltshire	820,783	115.04	203.20	30,153	75,383	1.142
Westminster	3,008,961	223.51	439.11	189,114	472,785	6.871
Weymouth and Portland	598,939	104.29	184.22	17,597	43,993	0.973
Wigan	2,718,992	89.41	158.10	47,222	118,055	2.188
Winchester	540,799	117.53	207.82	23,301	58,253	0.679
Windsor and Maidenhead	817,542	117.07	206.80	43,476	108,690	1.658
Wirral	3,742,354	104.37	184.54	169,628	424,070	4.467
Woking	473,428	151.40	267.72	26,293	65,733	0.604

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		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Wokingham	464,192	118.29	215.05	15,873	39,683	0.718
Wolverhampton	3,031,617	86.71	163.97	55,995	139,988	2.458
Worcester	804,131	89.41	159.80	18,787	46,968	0.744
Worthing	844,284	117.07	206.80	26,914	67,285	1.386
Wychavon	737,784	116.85	206.38	22,272	55,680	1.180
Wycombe	938,090	134.52	237.86	40,403	101,008	0.999
Wyre	918,594	94.80	167.44	35,111	87,778	1.282
Wyre Forest	863,513	96.56	170.56	12,857	32,143	1.143
York	1,125,145	98.23	173.68	35,531	88,828	1.301

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Wales						
Blaenau Gwent	904,503	91.65	162.04	19,690	49,225	0.641
Bridgend	1,239,070	93.01	164.47	42,818	107,045	1.778
Caerphilly	1,789,294	98.31	173.83	18,781	46,953	1.215
Cardiff	3,000,053	103.42	183.90	219,652	549,130	4.086
Carmarthenshire	1,573,857	89.75	158.70	53,071	132,678	1.542
Ceredigion	554,965	98.37	173.94	36,204	90,510	0.693
Conwy	1,013,052	86.52	159.95	40,768	101,920	1.247
Denbighshire	906,955	84.15	150.24	40,136	100,340	1.061
Flintshire	1,024,393	89.49	158.44	31,320	78,300	0.768
Gwynedd	1,056,456	89.13	157.59	39,632	99,080	0.951
Isle of Anglesey	591,798	87.88	155.38	19,681	49,203	0.568
Merthyr Tydfil	682,118	89.17	157.68	7,724	19,310	0.606
Monmouthshire	513,715	103.25	183.82	30,903	77,258	0.491
Neath Port Talbot	1,551,379	90.39	159.84	32,239	80,598	1.335
Newport	1,255,513	97.89	175.29	23,450	58,625	1.194
Pembrokeshire	982,242	87.86	155.34	21,216	53,040	1.036
Powys	876,903	92.14	163.17	24,957	62,393	0.852
Rhondda Cynon Taff	2,345,104	87.70	155.07	30,866	77,165	2.620
Swansea	2,402,081	93.70	165.69	64,687	161,718	2.569
Torfaen	858,727	101.74	181.56	25,842	64,605	0.456
Vale of Glamorgan	908,598	105.59	186.72	40,797	101,993	1.211
Wrexham	1,311,342	83.92	148.86	16,628	41,570	0.580

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Scotland						
Aberdeen	1,869,993	79.65	142.36	67,154	167,885	2.898
Aberdeenshire	1,247,188	75.09	136.60	31,931	79,828	1.960
Angus	937,953	70.27	129.79	32,075	80,188	1.580
Argyll and Bute	879,893	85.63	151.43	35,135	87,838	1.397
Clackmannanshire	555,646	75.46	142.58	6,888	17,220	0.953
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	218,386	88.56	158.58	6,794	16,985	0.380
Dumfries and Galloway	1,482,458	80.33	144.62	56,024	140,060	2.261
Dundee	2,294,573	87.31	155.96	58,864	147,160	4.082
East Ayrshire	1,452,625	76.85	136.01	24,779	61,948	2.373
East Dunbartonshire	561,382	82.14	148.94	46,173	115,433	0.932
East Lothian	780,315	73.87	130.62	23,508	58,770	1.184
East Renfrewshire	454,444	78.82	148.06	16,600	41,500	0.805
Edinburgh	4,490,375	100.39	177.51	376,379	940,948	7.241
Falkirk	1,426,305	80.03	150.62	13,866	34,665	2.436
Fife	3,577,259	76.13	139.65	72,954	182,385	5.751
Glasgow	13,265,104	101.72	179.87	839,662	2,099,155	19.836
Highland	1,699,714	93.42	165.17	54,501	136,253	2.967
Inverclyde	1,234,338	99.55	170.56	30,373	75,933	1.906
Midlothian	662,177	66.98	118.45	22,535	56,338	1.164
Moray	605,372	67.74	119.77	8,913	22,283	0.989
North Ayrshire	1,710,530	71.99	130.52	43,430	108,575	2.776
North Lanarkshire	3,794,794	83.85	150.12	58,415	146,038	6.615
Orkney	134,668	78.51	138.81	1,807	4,518	0.213
Perth and Kinross	1,014,107	71.28	126.04	18,445	46,113	1.588
Renfrewshire	2,096,203	87.13	162.71	39,538	98,845	3.613
Scottish Borders	1,062,343	75.83	134.07	18,904	47,260	1.556

Local Authority	Administration Subsidy (£)	Non-HRA		Discretionary Housing Payment		Indicative RSG (£)
		Threshold (£)	Cap (£)	Government Contribution (£)	Overall Limit (£)	
Shetland	119,970	102.20	180.71	818	2,045	0.181
South Ayrshire	1,104,578	78.20	138.25	76,959	192,398	1.849
South Lanarkshire	3,207,252	85.82	151.75	125,697	314,243	5.745
Stirling	686,031	80.89	143.01	32,628	81,570	1.104
West Dunbartonshire	1,468,133	80.57	142.48	49,710	124,275	2.448
West Lothian	1,518,195	82.78	173.49	37,173	92,933	2.615

Application of the non-HRA rent rebate threshold and cap

Subsidy rates for bed and breakfast accommodation

Using a threshold and cap for illustrative purposes only

Threshold = £63.85

(The difference is £21.28)

Cap = £85.13

The application of the threshold and cap are as follows

Example 1

Weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB is £120

Since the weekly eligible rent exceeds the cap by £34.87 the first £34.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement were £120, subsidy would be	nil on £34.87 10% on £21.28 100% on £63.85
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £80.32, subsidy would be (due to other income etc.)	nil on £34.87 10% on £21.28 100% on £24.17
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £60.24, subsidy would be	nil on £34.87 10% on £21.28 100% on £4.09
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £34.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.

Example 2

If the weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB was £150, it would exceed the cap by £64.87 and so the first £64.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement is £150, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87 10% on £21.28 100% on £63.85
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £120, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87 10% on £21.28 100% on £33.85
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £80.32, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87 10% on £15.45
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If claimant's HB entitlement is £64.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.

Example 3

If the weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB was £200, it would exceed the cap by £114.87, and so the first £114.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement is £200, subsidy would be	nil on £114.87
	10% on £21.28
	100% on £63.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £150, subsidy would be	nil on £114.87
	10% on £21.28
	100% on £13.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £114.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.

Subsidy rates for leased and licensed temporary accommodation**Example 1**

Weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB is £120. Since the weekly eligible rent exceeds the cap by £34.87 the first £34.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement is £200, subsidy would be	nil on £34.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £63.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £80.32, subsidy would be	nil on £34.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £24.17

If claimant's HB entitlement is £60.24, subsidy would be	nil on £34.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £4.09

If claimant's HB entitlement is £34.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.

Example 2

Weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB is £150, it would exceed the cap by £64.87 and so the first £64.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement is £150, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £63.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £120, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £33.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £80.32, subsidy would be	nil on £64.87
	100% on £15.45

If claimant's HB entitlement is £64.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.

Example 3

Weekly eligible rent used to calculate HB is £200, it would exceed the cap by £114.87 and so the first £114.87 of any HB paid would not attract subsidy

If claimant's HB entitlement is £200, subsidy would be	nil on £114.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £63.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £150, subsidy would be	nil on £114.87
	100% on £21.28
	100% on £13.85

If claimant's HB entitlement is £114.87 or less, subsidy would be nil on the whole amount.