

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All HB staff. Officers preparing claims for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)
ACTION	For information only
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Discretionary Housing Payments government contribution for 2013/14

Introduction

- 1 This circular provides details of each local authority's (LAs) government contribution and overall expenditure limit for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for 2013/14.
- 2 **Appendix A** of this circular provides revised figures and replaces the previous allocations outlined in Appendix A of HB/CTB S1/2013 that was issued in January 2013.

Distribution of the government contribution and upper limit for 2013/14

- 3 HB/CTB Circular S1/2013 provided details of the distribution of the government contribution and overall expenditure limit for DHPs for 2013/14.
- 4 The total funding originally available was £155 million.
- 5 Lord Freud, the Minister for Welfare Reform, wrote to local authority Chief Executives on 30 July 2013 to announce that an extra £5 million will be added to the DHP fund. This is specifically aimed at helping the 21 least densely populated areas in Great Britain. This funding is to avoid a disproportionate impact on those affected by the removal of the spare room subsidy in remote and isolated communities where the geography means that the potential remedies are less readily available; work, alternative accommodation, people looking for lodging etc.
- 6 A full list of the 21 least densely populated areas is outlined at **Appendix B** to this circular.

Correction to DHP allocations in Scotland

7. A departmental error occurred when the original DHP allocation for Scotland was distributed among Scottish LAs.
8. The majority of LAs received a lower allocation due to the error. For these, an upward adjustment in DHP funding will be provided. For the six LAs who received more than their actual entitlement the original allocation will be honoured through a one off payment of additional administrative funding to enable them to meet their planned expenditure.
9. Scottish LAs who are affected will be separately notified.

Additional DHP Funding

10. A further £20 million of new DHP funding will be available which LAs will be able to submit bids for. DWP will write to LAs over the coming weeks to confirm details for the scheme.

Queries

11. Even though the funding provides support for various HB policy changes, please ensure that any queries relating to the allocation of the government contribution towards DHPs are sent, via email, to hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Appendix A

**Allocation of the £160 million fund for Discretionary
Housing Payments 2013/14**

Local Authority	Government contribution	Overall limit (2.5x)	Honouring official error in Scotland
Aberdeen	£299,125	£747,813	
Aberdeenshire	£594,825	£1,487,063	
Adur	£91,741	£229,353	
Allerdale	£121,124	£302,810	
Amber Valley	£174,225	£435,563	
Angus	£413,506	£1,033,765	
Argyll and Bute	£370,656	£926,640	£34,258
Arun	£249,622	£624,055	
Ashfield	£222,973	£557,433	
Ashford	£170,625	£426,563	
Aylesbury Vale	£180,088	£450,220	
Babergh	£115,215	£288,038	
Barking & Dagenham	£1,310,802	£3,277,005	
Barnet	£1,998,661	£4,996,653	
Barnsley	£364,513	£911,283	
Barrow in Furness	£99,921	£249,803	
Basildon	£405,844	£1,014,610	
Basingstoke & Deane	£195,063	£487,658	
Bassetlaw	£126,148	£315,370	
Bath & NE Somerset	£243,479	£608,698	
Bedford	£349,100	£872,750	
Bexley	£533,858	£1,334,645	
Birmingham	£3,770,701	£9,426,753	
Blaby	£88,011	£220,028	
Blackburn with Darwen	£376,643	£941,608	
Blackpool	£693,562	£1,733,905	
Blaenau Gwent	£160,251	£400,628	
Bolsover	£92,187	£230,468	
Bolton	£623,659	£1,559,148	
Boston	£90,500	£226,250	
Bournemouth	£502,652	£1,256,630	
Bracknell Forest	£139,795	£349,488	
Bradford	£1,176,314	£2,940,785	
Braintree	£199,001	£497,503	
Breckland	£197,748	£494,370	
Brent	£4,815,410	£12,038,525	
Brentwood	£100,955	£252,388	
Bridgend	£279,100	£697,750	

Brighton and Hove	£1,014,714	£2,536,785	
Bristol	£1,137,227	£2,843,068	
Broadland	£99,507	£248,768	
Bromley	£700,174	£1,750,435	
Bromsgrove	£90,358	£225,895	
Broxbourne	£230,976	£577,440	
Broxtowe	£107,734	£269,335	
Burnley	£202,307	£505,768	
Bury	£324,003	£810,008	
Caerphilly	£292,597	£731,493	
Calderdale	£383,941	£959,853	
Cambridge	£182,340	£455,850	
Camden	£1,680,807	£4,202,018	
Cannock Chase	£114,555	£286,388	
Canterbury	£197,878	£494,695	
Cardiff	£1,102,669	£2,756,673	
Carlisle	£142,640	£356,600	
Carmarthenshire	£280,840	£702,100	
Castle Point	£155,005	£387,513	
Central Bedfordshire	£280,944	£702,360	
Ceredigion	£324,933	£812,333	
Charnwood	£132,326	£330,815	
Chelmsford	£230,903	£577,258	
Cheltenham	£189,052	£472,630	
Cherwell	£203,354	£508,385	
Cheshire East	£451,401	£1,128,503	
Cheshire West and Chester	£450,773	£1,126,933	
Chesterfield	£169,828	£424,570	
Chichester	£233,549	£583,873	
Chiltern	£99,288	£248,220	
Chorley	£126,621	£316,553	
Christchurch	£81,952	£204,880	
City of London	£36,373	£90,933	
Clackmannanshire	£178,323	£445,808	
Colchester	£448,524	£1,121,310	
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£107,388	£268,470	£9,453
Conwy	£242,700	£606,750	
Copeland	£94,263	£235,658	
Corby	£92,250	£230,625	
Cornwall	£867,795	£2,169,488	
Cotswold	£88,837	£222,093	
Coventry	£798,643	£1,996,608	
Craven	£173,643	£434,108	
Crawley	£255,365	£638,413	
Croydon	£1,791,425	£4,478,563	
Dacorum	£256,222	£640,555	

Darlington	£224,185	£560,463	
Dartford	£154,767	£386,918	
Daventry	£74,259	£185,648	
Denbighshire	£217,194	£542,985	
Derby	£560,754	£1,401,885	
Derbyshire Dales	£69,705	£174,263	
Doncaster	£518,953	£1,297,383	
Dover	£227,343	£568,358	
Dudley	£494,398	£1,235,995	
Dumfries and Galloway	£658,354	£1,645,885	£62,094
Dundee	£337,506	£843,765	
Durham	£883,089	£2,207,723	
Ealing	£3,127,358	£7,818,395	
East Ayrshire	£171,570	£428,925	
East Cambridgeshire	£101,414	£253,535	
East Devon	£176,239	£440,598	
East Dorset	£98,435	£246,088	
East Dunbartonshire	£107,919	£269,798	
East Hampshire	£91,865	£229,663	
East Hertfordshire	£162,055	£405,138	
East Lindsey	£219,168	£547,920	
East Lothian	£137,196	£342,990	
East Northamptonshire	£85,490	£213,725	
East Renfrewshire	£83,222	£208,055	
East Riding of Yorkshire	£374,414	£936,035	
East Staffordshire	£130,209	£325,523	
Eastbourne	£256,602	£641,505	
Eastleigh	£127,292	£318,230	
Eden	£185,094	£462,735	
Edinburgh	£1,430,709	£3,576,773	
Elmbridge	£282,500	£706,250	
Enfield	£3,246,226	£8,115,565	
Epping Forest	£206,998	£517,495	
Epsom and Ewell	£130,857	£327,143	
Erewash	£195,535	£488,838	
Exeter	£219,021	£547,553	
Falkirk	£179,720	£449,300	
Fareham	£89,833	£224,583	
Fenland	£146,827	£367,068	
Fife	£539,010	£1,347,525	
Flintshire	£242,119	£605,298	
Forest Heath	£103,973	£259,933	
Forest of Dean	£106,805	£267,013	
Fylde	£105,441	£263,603	

Gateshead	£373,518	£933,795	
Gedling	£133,837	£334,593	
Glasgow	£2,392,818	£5,982,045	£587,152
Gloucester	£234,429	£586,073	
Gosport	£134,600	£336,500	
Gravesham	£198,353	£495,883	
Great Yarmouth	£231,334	£578,335	
Greenwich	£1,136,207	£2,840,518	
Guildford	£206,697	£516,743	
Gwynedd	£605,141	£1,512,853	
Hackney	£2,324,080	£5,810,200	
Halton	£282,452	£706,130	
Hambleton	£85,775	£214,438	
Hammersmith and Fulham	£1,488,830	£3,722,075	
Harborough	£58,542	£146,355	
Haringey	£2,422,506	£6,056,265	
Harlow	£200,945	£502,363	
Harrogate	£179,021	£447,553	
Harrow	£1,223,994	£3,059,985	
Hart	£72,264	£180,660	
Hartlepool	£317,087	£792,718	
Hastings	£320,232	£800,580	
Havant	£204,320	£510,800	
Havering	£582,761	£1,456,903	
Herefordshire	£213,937	£534,843	
Hertsmere	£187,929	£469,823	
High Peak	£106,783	£266,958	
Highland	£987,115	£2,467,788	
Hillingdon	£1,245,418	£3,113,545	
Hinckley and Bosworth	£93,843	£234,608	
Horsham	£120,902	£302,255	
Hounslow	£1,117,181	£2,792,953	
Huntingdonshire	£169,561	£423,903	
Hyndburn	£186,608	£466,520	
Inverclyde	£153,174	£382,935	£58,894
Ipswich	£289,363	£723,408	
Isle of Anglesey	£136,536	£341,340	
Isle of Wight	£226,320	£565,800	
Isles of Scilly	£17,396	£43,490	
Islington	£1,628,508	£4,071,270	
Kensington and Chelsea	£2,263,207	£5,658,018	
Kettering	£136,864	£342,160	
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£219,911	£549,778	
Kingston upon Hull	£707,645	£1,769,113	
Kingston upon	£426,956	£1,067,390	

Thames			
Kirklees	£852,960	£2,132,400	
Knowsley	£468,623	£1,171,558	
Lambeth	£1,544,093	£3,860,233	
Lancaster	£211,058	£527,645	
Leeds	£1,924,162	£4,810,405	
Leicester	£813,252	£2,033,130	
Lewes	£180,542	£451,355	
Lewisham	£1,666,074	£4,165,185	
Lichfield	£102,808	£257,020	
Lincoln	£199,741	£499,353	
Liverpool	£1,606,233	£4,015,583	
Luton	£573,104	£1,432,760	
Maidstone	£247,458	£618,645	
Maldon	£87,221	£218,053	
Malvern Hills	£92,610	£231,525	
Manchester	£1,922,105	£4,805,263	
Mansfield	£155,246	£388,115	
Medway	£563,046	£1,407,615	
Melton	£51,644	£129,110	
Mendip	£148,943	£372,358	
Merthyr Tydfil	£124,556	£311,390	
Merton	£641,766	£1,604,415	
Mid Devon	£101,300	£253,250	
Mid Suffolk	£88,555	£221,388	
Mid Sussex	£128,262	£320,655	
Middlesbrough	£483,272	£1,208,180	
Midlothian	£159,483	£398,708	
Milton Keynes	£576,204	£1,440,510	
Mole Valley	£98,765	£246,913	
Monmouthshire	£121,978	£304,945	
Moray	£252,230	£630,575	
Neath Port Talbot	£318,083	£795,208	
New Forest	£198,899	£497,248	
Newark and Sherwood	£126,616	£316,540	
Newcastle under Lyme	£135,044	£337,610	
Newcastle upon Tyne	£685,271	£1,713,178	
Newham	£2,472,896	£6,182,240	
Newport	£343,870	£859,675	
North Ayrshire	£309,823	£774,558	
North Devon	£133,055	£332,638	
North Dorset	£68,387	£170,968	
North East Derbyshire	£82,603	£206,508	
North East Lincolnshire	£346,457	£866,143	

North Hertfordshire	£164,689	£411,723	
North Kesteven	£98,229	£245,573	
North Lanarkshire	£469,660	£1,174,150	
North Lincolnshire	£238,069	£595,173	
North Norfolk	£112,312	£280,780	
North Somerset	£382,340	£955,850	
North Tyneside	£331,993	£829,983	
North Warwickshire	£77,981	£194,953	
North West Leicestershire	£94,912	£237,280	
Northampton	£420,634	£1,051,585	
Northumberland	£416,365	£1,040,913	
Norwich	£288,314	£720,785	
Nottingham	£696,031	£1,740,078	
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£196,127	£490,318	
Oadby and Wigston	£57,589	£143,973	
Oldham	£498,663	£1,246,658	
Orkney	£64,359	£160,898	
Oxford	£525,369	£1,313,423	
Pembrokeshire	£193,940	£484,850	
Pendle	£142,591	£356,478	
Perth and Kinross	£523,618	£1,309,045	
Peterborough	£431,147	£1,077,868	
Plymouth	£467,875	£1,169,688	
Poole	£275,652	£689,130	
Portsmouth	£472,895	£1,182,238	
Powys	£512,845	£1,282,113	
Preston	£246,193	£615,483	
Purbeck	£66,674	£166,685	
Reading	£492,480	£1,231,200	
Redbridge	£1,620,804	£4,052,010	
Redcar and Cleveland	£308,690	£771,725	
Redditch	£136,516	£341,290	
Reigate and Banstead	£152,284	£380,710	
Renfrewshire	£267,351	£668,378	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£451,301	£1,128,253	
Ribble Valley	£46,969	£117,423	
Richmond upon Thames	£406,202	£1,015,505	
Richmondshire	£159,006	£397,515	
Rochdale	£517,104	£1,292,760	
Rochford	£99,169	£247,923	
Rossendale	£118,986	£297,465	
Rother	£157,471	£393,678	
Rotherham	£437,763	£1,094,408	
Rugby	£111,451	£278,628	

Runnymede	£102,996	£257,490	
Rushcliffe	£82,416	£206,040	
Rushmoor	£134,085	£335,213	
Rutland	£36,068	£90,170	
Ryedale	£221,614	£554,035	
Salford	£679,931	£1,699,828	
Sandwell	£739,954	£1,849,885	
Scarborough	£215,431	£538,578	
Scottish Borders	£450,553	£1,126,383	£41,984
Sedgemoor	£169,645	£424,113	
Sefton	£547,790	£1,369,475	
Selby	£89,422	£223,555	
Sevenoaks	£126,778	£316,945	
Sheffield	£995,802	£2,489,505	
Shepway	£252,002	£630,005	
Shetland	£72,457	£181,143	
Shropshire	£277,475	£693,688	
Slough	£678,526	£1,696,315	
Solihull	£294,866	£737,165	
South Ayrshire	£262,150	£655,375	
South Bucks	£87,728	£219,320	
South Cambridgeshire	£151,251	£378,128	
South Derbyshire	£102,358	£255,895	
South Gloucestershire	£327,799	£819,498	
South Hams	£143,678	£359,195	
South Holland	£91,630	£229,075	
South Kesteven	£130,752	£326,880	
South Lakeland	£95,456	£238,640	
South Lanarkshire	£492,570	£1,231,425	
South Norfolk	£143,468	£358,670	
South Northamptonshire	£58,950	£147,375	
South Oxfordshire	£121,872	£304,680	
South Ribble	£106,928	£267,320	
South Somerset	£213,132	£532,830	
South Staffordshire	£94,263	£235,658	
South Tyneside	£305,483	£763,708	
Southampton	£527,593	£1,318,983	
Southend on Sea	£581,762	£1,454,405	
Southwark	£1,119,665	£2,799,163	
Spelthorne	£202,036	£505,090	
St Albans	£170,097	£425,243	
St Edmundsbury	£142,100	£355,250	
St Helens	£399,636	£999,090	
Stafford	£110,857	£277,143	
Staffordshire Moorlands	£91,836	£229,590	

Stevenage	£163,535	£408,838	
Stirling	£400,324	£1,000,810	
Stockport	£468,735	£1,171,838	
Stockton on Tees	£395,220	£988,050	
Stoke on Trent	£548,270	£1,370,675	
Stratford on Avon	£216,801	£542,003	
Stroud	£134,509	£336,273	
Suffolk Coastal	£146,682	£366,705	
Sunderland	£658,202	£1,645,505	
Surrey Heath	£80,872	£202,180	
Sutton	£454,861	£1,137,153	
Swale	£323,270	£808,175	
Swansea	£474,871	£1,187,178	
Swindon	£280,944	£702,360	
Tameside	£478,213	£1,195,533	
Tamworth	£111,536	£278,840	
Tandridge	£103,115	£257,788	
Taunton Deane	£134,967	£337,418	
Teignbridge	£186,222	£465,555	
Telford and Wrekin	£356,911	£892,278	
Tendring	£401,660	£1,004,150	
Test Valley	£114,626	£286,565	
Tewkesbury	£102,864	£257,160	
Thanet	£401,310	£1,003,275	
Three Rivers	£155,415	£388,538	
Thurrock	£354,201	£885,503	
Tonbridge and Malling	£129,610	£324,025	
Torbay	£393,853	£984,633	
Torfaen	£193,584	£483,960	
Torridge	£93,699	£234,248	
Tower Hamlets	£2,237,330	£5,593,325	
Trafford	£374,833	£937,083	
Tunbridge Wells	£143,019	£357,548	
Uttlesford	£100,027	£250,068	
Vale of Glamorgan	£219,639	£549,098	
Vale of White Horse	£125,358	£313,395	
Wakefield	£644,505	£1,611,263	
Walsall	£590,745	£1,476,863	
Waltham Forest	£1,517,954	£3,794,885	
Wandsworth	£1,839,423	£4,598,558	
Warrington	£292,712	£731,780	
Warwick	£168,556	£421,390	
Watford	£216,854	£542,135	
Waveney	£225,093	£562,733	
Waverley	£145,124	£362,810	
Wealden	£177,594	£443,985	
Wellingborough	£121,436	£303,590	
Welwyn Hatfield	£160,761	£401,903	

West Berkshire	£241,672	£604,180	
West Devon	£150,448	£376,120	
West Dorset	£119,046	£297,615	
West Dunbartonshire	£347,472	£868,680	
West Lancashire	£158,909	£397,273	
West Lindsey	£114,798	£286,995	
West Lothian	£254,648	£636,620	
West Oxfordshire	£95,797	£239,493	
West Somerset	£150,303	£375,758	
Westminster	£5,930,283	£14,825,708	
Weymouth and Portland	£150,321	£375,803	
Wigan	£456,084	£1,140,210	
Wiltshire	£474,331	£1,185,828	
Winchester	£105,155	£262,888	
Windsor and Maidenhead	£227,918	£569,795	
Wirral	£917,214	£2,293,035	
Woking	£166,627	£416,568	
Wokingham	£123,395	£308,488	
Wolverhampton	£633,653	£1,584,133	
Worcester	£172,487	£431,218	
Worthing	£160,257	£400,643	
Wrexham	£198,082	£495,205	
Wychavon	£124,639	£311,598	
Wycombe	£247,140	£617,850	
Wyre	£168,131	£420,328	
Wyre Forest	£152,091	£380,228	
York	£286,409	£716,023	
	£160,000,000	£400,000,094	£793,836

Appendix B

The 21 least densely populated LAs across Great Britain

Local Authority	Rural additional amount
Eilean Siar	£66,930
Highland	£734,995
Argyll and Bute	£252,313
Shetland Islands	£46,748
Orkney Islands	£37,071
Dumfries and Galloway	£488,177
Eden	£133,104
Scottish Borders	£322,067
Powys	£357,870
Perth and Kinross	£361,018
Ryedale	£157,746
Aberdeenshire	£412,173
Moray	£180,923
Richmondshire	£104,640
Stirling	£272,576
Ceredigion	£161,542
West Devon	£79,143
Craven	£110,926
Gwynedd	£363,788
West Somerset	£81,850
Angus	£274,401