

## The Chief Executives of local authorities participating in the Free Swimming Programme

6 July 2010

Dear Colleague

### **FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

As you know the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, on behalf of the five funding Departments, announced on 17 June that the resource funding for the Government's Free Swimming Programme would cease on 31 July 2010.

### **GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

As stated in my email to you of 17 June, we are paying those local authorities participating in the free swimming programme a grant to cover the provision of free swimming for the period 1 April 2010 - 31 July 2010. The grant is made pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 and is subject to the conditions set out in the determination below.

The grant allocation for each of the respective age groups has been calculated according to a formula based on the size of the local populations of those age groups in the participating local authorities, using the latest mid 2008 census data to determine local populations.

### **ENQUIRIES**

If you have any questions, please contact the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on **020 7211 6200** or at [enquiries@culture.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@culture.gov.uk).

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**DETERMINATION OF A GRANT UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 TO PARTICIPATING LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE INCURRED OR TO BE INCURRED ON THE FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME FROM 1 APRIL 2010 UNTIL 30 MARCH 2011**

**Introduction**

1. This determination is made by Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport (“the Secretary of State”) under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 (“the Act”). It specifies grants which the Secretary of State intends to pay to certain local authorities in England.
2. Before making this determination the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury in accordance with section 31(6) of the Act.

**Amounts payable to authorities**

3. Pursuant to section 31(3) of the Act the Secretary of State determines that the local authorities to which the grants are to be paid, and the amount of each grant, are the authorities listed in column (1) of Annex A and the corresponding amounts set out in columns (2) and (3) of that Annex.
4. These grants shall be known collectively as the Free Swimming Programme Grant Determination (2010-11). They are the second and final series of grants paid under the Free Swimming Programme.
5. It is expected that the grant monies will be paid to each participating local authority by 31 July 2010.

**Conditions**

6. Pursuant to section 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Secretary of State makes the grants to each of the respective local authorities subject to the following conditions:-

**Definitions**

7. In these conditions:-

“Department” means the Department for Culture, Media and Sport

“free swimming for people aged 60 and over ” means that for the period up until 31 July 2010 there shall be no charge for any person aged 60 or over to use the swimming pool, when they would normally be admitted to the pool for public swimming, and in accordance with local programming.

“free swimming for people aged 16 and under” means that for the period up until 31 July 2010 there shall be no charge for any person aged 16 or under to use the swimming pool outside of normal school hours, when they would normally be admitted to the pool for public swimming, and in accordance with local programming.

“free swimming programme” means:-

- (i) the programme launched by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in April 2009, participation in which by a local authority specifically means using the free swimming grants to offer either (i) free swimming for people aged 60 or over, or (ii) free swimming for people aged 60 or over and free swimming for people aged 16 or under; or
- (ii) for those local authorities who already make available a free swimming offer that would otherwise have qualified for funding, “free swimming programme” in this instance means initiatives additional to their existing free swimming offer and designed either to further increase and sustain participation for these age groups (e.g. structured sessions or classes) and/ or to extend their existing programmes to wider groups of the population and move further towards a universal free swimming offer.

“normal school hours” means such hours when a person aged 16 or under would normally be expected to be at their school.

#### **Use of grant monies**

8. Each local authority listed in column (1) of Annex A (“participating local authority”) shall use the monies awarded to it under this grant for revenue expenditure incurred or to be incurred in financial year from 1 April 2010 until 31 March 2011 for the purposes of offering the elements of the free swimming programme as they have each agreed to deliver.
9. The grant must be used for the provision of free swimming at a local authority owned pool, or if it does not own its own pool, at either local county council or school owned pools, provided that such pools provide at least 40 hours a week community access.
10. Participating local authorities must not make the offer of free swimming at their pools subject to any residency criteria.

#### **Further Information**

11. Each participating local authority shall provide to the Secretary of State when requested by him such information as the Secretary of State requests for the purposes of monitoring the programme and determining whether it has complied with the conditions attached to its grant.

#### **Accounting for the grant**

12. Each local authority shall account for the expenditure of their grant monies in their full annual accounts by means of a note to the accounts and shall make these accounts available for inspection by the Secretary of state if so requested by him.

#### **Repayment of the grant**

13. Without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s other rights and remedies, the Secretary of State shall have the right at any time to require repayment of the whole or part of the grant monies paid to a participating local authority, if:-

- a) The Secretary of State is required to do so by law; or
- b) The participating local authority has committed a material breach of any term or condition of this Agreement which (i) is not capable of remedy; or (ii) has not been remedied following a notification from the Secretary of State identifying the breach and requiring it to be remedied within 14 days (or such longer period as may be considered by the Secretary of State to be reasonable in all the circumstances); or
- c) The participating local authority or anyone acting on its behalf has provided, or provides information that is in any material respect incorrect, incomplete or otherwise misleading; or
- d) An overpayment is made to the local authority under this grant or any amount is paid in error.

#### **Variation**

- 14. The Secretary of State reserves the right to amend the conditions set out above or to impose such other conditions as appear to him to be appropriate in relation to a grant made to a particular participating local authority.

#### **Other conditions**

- 15. Each participating local authority acknowledges that the total funds which the Secretary of State will pay to each of them under the grant is the corresponding amount specified in columns (2) and (3) and this amount will not be increased as a result of any overspend or otherwise.
- 16. Each participating local authority shall ensure that in carrying out the free swimming programme it complies with all statutory requirements, law and regulations of the United Kingdom, including in particular relevant health and safety law, public procurement rules and law prohibiting any form of discrimination.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Dated

**FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF FREE SWIMMING FOR THOSE AGED 60 AND OVER AND 16 AND UNDER**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Free Swimming for people aged 60 and over</b>	<b>Free Swimming for people aged 16 and under</b>
BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET UA	£ 18,875	£ -
BEDFORD UA	£ 15,045	£ -
BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN UA	£ 11,352	£ 36,865
BLACKPOOL UA	£ 16,504	£ 28,476
BRACKNELL FOREST UA	£ 8,845	£ 25,496
BRIGHTON AND HOVE UA	£ 21,884	£ 45,602
BRISTOL, CITY OF UA	£ 33,373	£ 77,813
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE UA	£ 23,844	£ 54,339
CHESHIRE EAST UA	£ 41,670	£ 72,139
CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER UA	£ 36,290	£ -
CORNWALL UA	£ 69,800	£ -
COUNTY DURHAM UA	£ 55,028	£ 98,124
DARLINGTON UA	£ 10,851	£ -
DERBY UA	£ 22,887	£ 51,073
HALTON UA	£ 10,942	£ 26,394
HARTLEPOOL UA	£ 9,118	£ 19,964
HEREFORDSHIRE UA	£ 23,434	£ 34,171
ISLES OF SCILLY UA	£ 274	£ 347
LEICESTER UA	£ 21,519	£ 67,240
LUTON UA	£ 14,544	£ 46,378
MEDWAY UA	£ 22,613	£ 56,645
MIDDLESBROUGH UA	£ 12,765	£ 30,497
MILTON KEYNES UA	£ 16,914	£ 53,890
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE UA	£ 16,914	£ -
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE UA	£ 17,963	£ 32,885
NORTH SOMERSET UA	£ 25,394	£ -
NORTHUMBERLAND UA	£ 37,841	£ -
NOTTINGHAM UA	£ 20,972	£ 55,972
PETERBOROUGH UA	£ 14,498	£ 37,539
PLYMOUTH UA	£ 24,938	£ 48,868
PORTSMOUTH UA	£ 16,823	£ 37,764
READING UA	£ 10,942	£ 29,027
REDCAR & CLEVELAND UA	£ 16,002	£ 28,272
RUTLAND UA	£ 4,605	£ 8,553
SHROPSHIRE UA	£ 36,792	£ 57,625

SLOUGH UA	£	8,389	£	28,782
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE UA	£	25,941	£	-
SOUTHAMPTON UA	£	18,875	£	42,846
SOUTHEND UA	£	18,236	£	33,885
STOCKTON-ON-TEES UA	£	18,282	£	40,846
STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£	23,981	£	50,297
SWINDON UA	£	16,960	£	-
TELFORD AND WREKIN UA	£	14,908	£	36,539
THURROCK UA	£	12,857	£	-
TORBAY UA	£	18,692	£	-
WARRINGTON UA	£	19,285	£	41,213
WEST BERKSHIRE UA	£	14,179	£	-
WILTSHIRE UA	£	50,241	£	97,287
WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD UA	£	13,768	£	-
WOKINGHAM UA	£	14,042	£	34,600
YORK UA	£	19,787	£	34,334
ALLERDALE	£	11,808	£	18,024
AMBER VALLEY	£	13,632	£	23,924
ASHFIELD	£	12,401	£	23,720
AYLESBURY VALE	£	16,094	£	-
BABERGH	£	11,079	£	17,963
BARKING & DAGENHAM	£	12,355	£	44,663
BARNET	£	28,266	£	73,016
BARNSLEY	£	23,479	£	46,561
BARROW-IN-FURNESS	£	8,070	£	14,554
BASSETLAW	£	12,629	£	22,311
BEXLEY	£	22,020	£	49,011
BIRMINGHAM	£	82,109	£	244,545
BLABY	£	10,121	£	19,004
BOLSOVER	£	8,206	£	14,983
BOLTON	£	25,759	£	59,503
BOSTON	£	7,523	£	11,513
BRADFORD	£	41,989	£	122,701
BRAINTREE	£	14,544	£	30,537
BRECKLAND	£	16,777	£	-
BRENT	£	19,513	£	55,604
BRENTWOOD	£	8,115	£	14,983
BROADLAND	£	16,002	£	22,924
BROMSGROVE	£	10,805	£	-
BROXBORNE	£	8,936	£	19,453
BROXTOWE	£	11,899	£	19,943
BURNLEY	£	8,662	£	19,596

BURY	£	17,963	£	40,193
CALDERDALE	£	19,787	£	43,561
CAMBRIDGE	£	8,434	£	-
CAMDEN	£	13,404	£	39,356
CANNOCK CHASE	£	9,255	£	19,964
CANTERBURY	£	16,641	£	-
CARLISLE	£	11,854	£	19,535
CASTLE POINT	£	11,489	£	17,616
CHARNWOOD	£	16,048	£	31,823
CHESTERFIELD	£	11,307	£	19,617
CHICHESTER	£	15,774	£	20,841
CHILTERN	£	10,349	£	20,352
CHORLEY	£	10,851	£	20,923
CITY OF LONDON	£	775	£	694
COLCHESTER	£	16,595	£	35,192
COPELAND	£	7,978	£	13,513
CORBY	£	5,152	£	12,452
COTSWOLD	£	10,851	£	-
COVENTRY	£	27,719	£	66,321
CRAVEN	£	7,568	£	-
CROYDON	£	27,628	£	76,915
DAVENTRY	£	7,842	£	17,126
DERBYSHIRE DALES	£	9,346	£	13,064
DONCASTER	£	30,683	£	60,973
DOVER	£	13,358	£	-
DUDLEY	£	33,920	£	63,177
EALING	£	21,565	£	63,810
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£	8,845	£	17,228
EAST HAMPSHIRE	£	12,583	£	24,005
EAST HERTFORDSHIRE	£	12,720	£	-
EAST LINDSEY	£	21,428	£	24,291
EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£	11,352	£	23,332
EASTBOURNE	£	12,993	£	-
EASTLEIGH	£	12,082	£	24,965
EDEN	£	6,702	£	9,635
ELMBRIDGE	£	12,902	£	28,843
ENFIELD	£	23,388	£	66,484
EPPING FOREST	£	13,495	£	-
EREWASH	£	11,945	£	22,250
EXETER	£	11,261	£	-
FENLAND	£	11,443	£	18,167
FOREST HEATH	£	5,836	£	14,085

FYLDE	£	10,759	£	13,125
GATESHEAD	£	20,698	£	37,253
GEDLING	£	12,720	£	-
GLOUCESTER	£	10,714	£	25,393
GOSPORT	£	8,480	£	16,514
GRAVESHAM	£	9,939	£	-
GREAT YARMOUTH	£	12,264	£	18,127
GREENWICH	£	16,094	£	50,889
GUILDFORD	£	12,765	£	-
HACKNEY	£	11,215	£	49,848
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM	£	10,805	£	-
HARBOROUGH	£	9,209	£	17,494
HARINGEY	£	13,176	£	47,847
HARROW	£	18,966	£	46,521
HART	£	8,617	£	19,923
HASTINGS	£	9,392	£	-
HAVERING	£	24,802	£	47,582
HIGH PEAK	£	9,711	£	18,861
HILLINGDON	£	20,881	£	-
HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£	11,626	£	20,331
HOUNSLOW	£	15,182	£	-
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£	16,322	£	-
HYNDBURN	£	7,933	£	19,045
ISLINGTON	£	10,623	£	33,232
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA	£	14,726	£	30,109
KETTERING	£	9,027	£	19,474
KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£	19,787	£	27,394
KINGSTON UPON THAMES	£	12,173	£	31,803
KIRKLEES	£	37,658	£	90,531
KNOWSLEY	£	13,951	£	33,395
LAMBETH	£	14,133	£	52,195
LANCASTER	£	15,136	£	-
LEEDS	£	67,794	£	148,564
LEWISHAM	£	15,501	£	55,808
LINCOLN	£	8,070	£	17,085
LIVERPOOL	£	38,752	£	84,203
MALVERN HILLS	£	10,395	£	-
MANCHESTER	£	30,956	£	93,960
MANSFIELD	£	10,577	£	20,474
MELTON	£	5,608	£	9,798
MERTON	£	14,452	£	39,866
MID DEVON	£	9,255	£	-

MID SUFFOLK	£	11,307	£	18,841
MOLE VALLEY	£	10,167	£	16,983
NEW FOREST	£	25,349	£	32,170
NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£	13,039	£	22,801
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	£	24,710	£	51,297
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£	13,677	£	23,291
NEWHAM	£	12,492	£	64,708
NORTH DEVON	£	12,264	£	-
NORTH DORSET	£	8,753	£	14,330
NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£	12,310	£	18,208
NORTH KESTEVEN	£	12,993	£	20,596
NORTH NORFOLK	£	17,005	£	-
NORTH TYNESIDE	£	21,063	£	-
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE	£	6,839	£	12,044
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE	£	9,802	£	18,678
NORTHAMPTON	£	17,963	£	43,520
OADBY & WIGSTON	£	6,383	£	11,799
OLDHAM	£	20,334	£	52,665
OXFORD	£	10,030	£	27,496
PENDLE	£	8,845	£	20,168
PRESTON	£	11,717	£	27,945
PURBECK	£	6,565	£	8,267
REDBRIDGE	£	20,151	£	60,565
REDDITCH	£	7,249	£	17,228
RIBBLE VALLEY	£	6,839	£	11,880
RICHMOND UPON THAMES	£	14,908	£	-
RICHMONDSHIRE	£	5,425	£	-
ROCHDALE	£	18,920	£	47,521
ROTHER	£	14,954	£	-
ROTHERHAM	£	26,260	£	53,726
RUGBY	£	9,848	£	20,045
RUNNYMEDE	£	8,161	£	14,922
RUSHCLIFFE	£	11,762	£	-
RUSHMOOR	£	7,249	£	19,453
RYEDALE	£	7,158	£	-
SALFORD	£	20,562	£	44,867
SANDWELL	£	27,628	£	65,505
SEFTON	£	33,281	£	53,890
SELBY	£	8,389	£	-
SHEPWAY	£	12,948	£	19,535
SOLIHULL	£	22,841	£	43,357
SOUTH BUCKS	£	7,249	£	13,738

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£	14,224	£	30,088
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£	8,936	£	20,311
SOUTH HAMS	£	11,489	£	-
SOUTH HOLLAND	£	11,443	£	15,922
SOUTH KESTEVEN	£	15,091	£	27,047
SOUTH LAKELAND	£	14,817	£	18,453
SOUTH NORFOLK	£	15,455	£	-
SOUTH RIBBLE	£	11,626	£	-
SOUTH SOMERSET	£	20,607	£	-
SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£	13,085	£	19,800
SOUTH TYNESIDE	£	16,322	£	29,374
SOUTHWARK	£	15,364	£	53,461
SPELTHORNE	£	9,711	£	18,147
ST ALBANS	£	12,401	£	30,701
ST EDMUNDSBURY	£	11,945	£	20,964
ST HELENS	£	18,875	£	36,702
STAFFORD	£	14,817	£	23,209
STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS	£	12,082	£	17,575
STEVENAGE	£	7,067	£	17,657
STOCKPORT	£	30,272	£	-
STRATFORD-ON-AVON	£	15,182	£	-
STROUD	£	12,993	£	-
SUFFOLK COASTAL	£	16,823	£	-
SUNDERLAND	£	28,494	£	54,931
SURREY HEATH	£	8,115	£	18,269
SUTTON	£	16,139	£	-
TAMESIDE	£	21,017	£	-
TAMWORTH	£	6,793	£	16,616
TAUNTON DEANE	£	13,130	£	22,189
TENDRING	£	23,297	£	26,312
TEWKESBURY	£	9,665	£	-
THANET	£	16,823	£	26,863
THREE RIVERS	£	8,845	£	19,086
TOWER HAMLETS	£	9,802	£	47,950
UTTLESFORD	£	7,750	£	16,494
WAKEFIELD	£	32,917	£	65,749
WALSALL	£	26,808	£	57,911
WALTHAM FOREST	£	14,908	£	51,644
WANDSWORTH	£	16,276	£	48,399
WARWICK	£	13,814	£	25,251
WAVENEY	£	16,094	£	22,454
WAVERLEY	£	13,495	£	26,577

WEALDEN	£	19,832	£	-
WELLINGBOROUGH	£	7,750	£	16,391
WELWYN HATFIELD	£	9,984	£	22,005
WEST DEVON	£	7,158	£	-
WEST DORSET	£	15,091	£	18,188
WEST LANCASHIRE	£	12,446	£	-
WEST LINDSEY	£	10,942	£	17,616
WIGAN	£	31,367	£	63,647
WINCHESTER	£	12,583	£	23,597
WIRRAL	£	35,561	£	64,708
WOKING	£	8,526	£	19,780
WOLVERHAMPTON	£	23,890	£	50,624
WORCESTER	£	8,753	£	19,453
WYCHAVON	£	14,635	£	-
WYRE	£	15,547	£	20,188
WYRE FOREST	£	12,264	£	-