

General Fund Revenue Account Outturn 2011-12

Guidance notes for completing form RG: SPECIFIC AND SPECIAL REVENUE GRANTS

These notes should be read in conjunction with RO General Guidance 2011-12 and CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP) 2011-12.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING FORM RG: INCOME FROM SPECIFIC AND SPECIAL REVENUE GRANTS 2011-12

Local Services Support Grant (LSSG): *This should be excluded from this form. The total of LSSG should be reported as income on the RS form on line 803. Please refer the RS guidance notes for details.*

1. **Lists of revenue grants within and outside AEF**

The lists of revenue grants given here are not comprehensive, so space has been left at **lines 698 and 798** to record and identify any other grants received.

2. **Inclusions**

All specific and special revenue grants taken to the General Fund Revenue Account (GFRA), Trading Account Services or DLO/DSO accounts, except those listed under “*exclusions*” at the end of this notes. Also include grants transferred to other accounts from the GFRA, eg. Council Tax Benefit Grant.

3 **Negative entries**

No negative entries are expected anywhere on this form.

SPECIFIC LINE GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING FORM RG: INCOME FROM SPECIFIC AND SPECIAL REVENUE GRANTS 2011-12

A. GRANTS WITHIN AEF (AGGREGATE EXTERNAL FINANCE)

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DfE)

Line 102 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

Grant paid by the DfE, under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002, to local authorities for spending on their Schools Budget. The figure entered here should be the local authority's estimate of DSG for the purposes of setting the Schools Budget. The figure should agree with that entered on the Schools Budget Summary Table of the local authority's Section 251 Education Outturn Statement for 2011-12.

Line 103 Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium is provided to support the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and incentivise good schools to take on pupils from more disadvantaged backgrounds. It is available to pupils currently eligible for Free School Meals, children looked after for over 6 months, and service children. The premium is to be passed onto schools for all pupils in maintained settings.

Line 158 Early Intervention Grant

This new, unringfenced, grant brings together funding for Sure Start, youth and family support. It is available to local authorities to enable them to target investment early at areas of most need.

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (DfT)

Line 221 GLA Transport grant

Grant paid to the Greater London Authority for those purposes of Transport for London which involve only current expenditure; grant used to finance capital expenditure should be recorded as income on the appropriate capital form.

Line 231 Metropolitan Railway Passenger Services (include NEXUS Tyne and Wear Metro)

Payments to Integrated Transport Authorities to support PTE-secured rail services.

Line 232 Mersey Travel

Grant for Merseytravel PTE to cover the subsidy element of the Merseyrail Electrics rail network funding under a concession let by Merseytravel ITA. Paid in turn by the PTE to the Merseyrail Electrics concessionaire.

Line 235 Local Sustainable Transport Fund

The Department for Transport established a £560 million Local Sustainable Transport Fund to challenge local authorities outside London to bid for funding to support packages

of transport interventions that support economic growth and reduce carbon emissions in their communities as well as delivering cleaner environments and improved air quality, enhanced safety and reduced congestion. The profile of this Fund is £80m in 2011-12, £140m in 2012-13, £160m in 2013-14 and £180m in 2014-15.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DH)

Line 312 Learning Disability and Health Reform Grant

In 2011-12, DH made available over £1.3 billion of specific revenue funding through the Learning Disability and Health Reform Grant. The Health Reform aspect includes £5.4m for the Blue Badge scheme which would transfer from PCTs to upper tier councils.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS (DWP)

Line 405 Housing and Council Tax Benefit Administration Subsidy

This includes grants toward the costs of administering the Housing and Council Tax Benefit schemes, including the additional amounts provided solely for the purpose of assisting LAs in their statutory duties to administer and process Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit claims and directly related enquiries.

Line 481 Work Choice

Work Choice was launched across England, Scotland and Wales on 25 October 2010. It replaced WORKSTEP, Work Preparation and the Job Introduction Scheme. Work Choice provides intensive support for disabled people with the complex support needs that cannot be met through other employment programmes. It is designed to ensure that disabled people have access to the right support to help them prepare for, enter and retain employment (including self-employment).

Line 484 Right to Control Trailblazers

The Right to Control is a new legal right for disabled people. It gives disabled people more choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives. Disabled adults living in seven test areas will be able to combine the support they receive from six different sources and decide how best to spend the funding to meet their needs. Seven local authority areas are testing the Right to Control are:

- Essex County Council
- Leicester City Council
- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Newham
- Surrey County Council (*two parts only: Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council*)
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council
- Greater Manchester (*including Manchester City Council, Oldham Council, Bury Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and Trafford Council*)

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DCLG)

Line 514 Housing Growth & Housing Market Renewal Transitional Fund

The Housing Growth and Housing Market Renewal Transition Fund, which will operate over 2011-12 and 2012-13 is to provide transitional support for areas which have previously received direct Government funding for local delivery capacity and expertise and wish to transfer some of that expertise to a new local authority led partnership.

Line 540 New Homes Bonus

The New Homes Bonus scheme is an incentive for local authorities and communities to increase their aspirations for housing growth. Commencing in April 2011, the New Homes Bonus will match fund the additional council tax raised for new homes and empty properties brought back into use, with an additional amount for affordable homes available from April 2012.

Line 543 Fire Revenue Grant

Funding provided to Fire and Rescue Authorities to cover additional costs associated with enhancing national resilience such as New Dimension, FireLink and Olympics.

Line 545 The Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Record the support given for the **revenue** expenditure which is incurred in meeting payments to contractors for the **capital** element of new projects undertaken through the PFI.

Line 550 Council Tax Freeze Grant

The Government Spending Review allocated a £650 million in October 2010 to help local authorities to implement a council tax freeze in England in 2011-12.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)**Line 573 Commons Pioneer Authorities**

The grant is to pay for the processing costs of the estimated number of public interest-type applications to be received by the authority. Public interest applications are free to applicants.

Line 581 National Parks & Broads

Grant paid to National Park Authorities.

HOME OFFICE (HO)**Line 611 Asylum Seekers**

The Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Grant sets out the conditions under which local authorities may claim reimbursement of the costs they incur in supporting and caring for UASC up to £95 per night for an under 16 and £71 for a 16/17 year old. A UASC is defined as an individual who is under 18, has applied for asylum in his/her own right, is separated from both parents and is not being cared for by an adult who by law or custom has responsibility to do so.

The UASC Leaving Care Costs Grant is intended to assist local authorities to meet the costs of supporting young people (over 18) who were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and who are now "former relevant children" within the meaning of section 23C(1) of the Children Act 1989. It is in addition to other sources of support that may be available to young people aged 18 or over and is a contribution to Local Authority costs. It will not generally affect individuals' entitlements to other assistance.

Line 626 Olympic Safety and Security

The Home Office will be providing £107m in 2011-12 and £192m in 2012-13, primarily for the police service, to meet the Olympic safety and security costs.

Line 631 Counter Terrorism

A grant to ensure that the police have the necessary resources to respond to the changing demands posed by the terrorist threat. Home Office have allocated £567m to support counter terrorism policing in 2011-12.

Line 643 Neighbourhood Policing Fund

The Neighbourhood Policing Fund specific grant will continue until directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners are in place. Funding totalling £340m in 2011-12 and £338m in 2012-13 will be made available. Approximately 90% of the grant will be ring-fenced for PCSOs – contributing up to 75% of their salary costs. The remaining 25% will need to be match-funded by the police, councils, businesses and other organisations. This will not apply to the Metropolitan Police Authority who will have full discretion on the spending of this funding from 2011-12. From 2013-14 this fund will be consolidated into the Police Main Grant.

Line 645 Royal Parks Policing Grant

The Royal Parks Policing Grant is paid to the Greater London Authority on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Authority to cover the cost incurred by the Metropolitan Police Service for policing the Royal Parks in London.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (MoJ)**Line 647 Probation Loan Charges**

Payment to local authorities to cover loan charges relating to capital purchases for the Probation Service prior to April 2001.

Line 698 Other Grants within AEF:

Record any grants within AEF for which there is no specific line in the **RG** form on **Memorandum Box A**.

GRANTS OUTSIDE AEF

DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION AND SKILLS (BIS)

Line 708 Further Education funding from Skills Funding Agency - other 19+ funding

Grants made by the Skills Funding Agency for Adult Skills provision (classroom and work based provision including apprenticeships) and associated additional learning support and learner support.

Line 713 Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) Payments

Payments made by the Higher Education Funding Council for England to local authorities, for staff related (Crombie payments) and other inherited liabilities of higher education institutions formerly under LEA control.

Line 715 Adult and Community Learning from Skills Funding Agency

Grants made by the Skills Funding Agency for Adult Safeguarded Learning (Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities, Personal and Community Development Learning, Wider Family Learning and Family Literacy, Language & Numeracy) and Formal First Step provision

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DfE)

Line 716 Sixth forms funding from Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA)

Grants made by the YPLA for Sixth Form Education.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS (DWP)

Line 741 Council Tax Benefit: subsidy

Record the subsidies received towards the cost of those people who are liable for council tax, but qualify for a full or partial rebate of their liability (depending on their financial circumstances).

Line 744 Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)

Record the amount of the Government contribution towards Discretionary Housing Payments that has been spent.

Line 745 Mandatory Rent Allowances: subsidy

Record the subsidies received towards the cost of those tenants living in private rented accommodation who qualify for a rent allowance covering the whole or part of their rent (depending on their financial circumstances).

Line 746 Mandatory Rent Rebates outside HRA: subsidy

Record the Subsidies received towards the cost of Rent Rebates paid for accommodation which is not covered by part VI of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. This will include (amongst others) such accommodation as used for homeless people in board and lodging, accommodation held on a licence agreement by an authority, accommodation held on a lease of no more than 10 years, and local authority owned hostels and caravan sites.

Line 747 Rent Rebates Granted to HRA Tenants: subsidy

Record the subsidies received towards the cost of those tenants living in HRA accommodation who qualify for a rent rebates covering the whole or part of their rent (depending on their financial circumstances).

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DCLG)

Line 752 Housing Acts/ Urban Developments - contributions towards cost of loan charges

Contributions towards the cost of loan charges incurred by local authorities in respect of -

- grants they have made under the Home Improvement Grant system;
- costs of environmental works in General Improvement Areas and in Housing Action Areas (including enveloping schemes);
- costs of giving mandatory assistance to eligible private owners of designated defective dwellings sold by the public sector;
- costs relating to the conversion or improvement of their non-HRA dwellings;
- losses incurred in the exercise of their slum clearance functions. Most of these grants were commuted on 1 October 1992.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)

Line 773 Rural Community Action Network (RCAN)

The current grant funding is intended to ensure all RCAN members across England are able to work with local authorities, regional bodies and central government to ensure the needs of rural communities are understood and addressed at the local, regional and national levels.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Line 791 European Community grants

Record the total amount for all EC grants issued.

Line 798 Other grants outside AEF

Record any grants outside AEF for which there is no specific line on the **RG** form in **Memorandum Box B**.

Exclusions

- a) **Local Services Support Grant (LSSG):** This should be reported as income on the RS form on line 803. Please refer the RS guidance notes for details
- b) Revenue Support Grant – record on **RS line 851**;
- c) Police Principal Formula grant – record on **RS line 856**;
- d) General GLA (Greater London Authority) grant – record on **RS line 858**;
- e) Reimbursements in respect of work carried out as agents of Health authorities, trusts etc, or on behalf of government departments – see **RO General Guidance 4.1**.
- f) Contributions from Health Authorities towards jointly financed schemes, which should be recorded as “other income” on form RO3 – see **RO General Guidance 4.2**.
- g) The Non-Domestic Rates Collection allowance: this is not a grant, and should be recorded as “other income” on form **RO6 line 426**.
- h) Youth Justice Board funding of Youth Offending Teams, which is not a specific grant but is treated as income to be netted off expenditure on the relevant RO service line.
- i) Lottery Funding is not a grant; it should be treated as income to be netted off expenditure on the relevant RO service line.
- j) Magistrates' Courts: are now the responsibility of Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS).
- k) Training Support Programme: now funded through Formula Grant.
- l) Regional Development Agencies: grants to local authorities are capital rather than revenue grants.
- m) Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme is not a grant. Income and expenditure in relation to landfill allowance to be recorded on **RO5 Line 282**.
- n) **Firefighters' pension top up grant** should not be included in the RO and RG forms as it is paid to the Firefighters' Pension Fund.
- o) **Police pension top-up grant** should not be included in the RG form. The payment by Secretary of State should be shown as income in the total police services line 100 on the RO6 form. The transfer into the Police Pension Fund should be shown as expenditure in the same total police services line. Where the payment goes the other way the flows are in reverse i.e. the payment to the Secretary of State is expenditure and the transfer from the Police Pension Fund is income. The net effect in the total police services line on the RO6 form would be nil.
- p) **LFEPA Civil Contingencies** is now funded through Formula Grant.
- q) **Concessionary Fares grant** is now funded through Formula Grant.

- r) **National International and Capital City Grant** is a single payment to the Greater London Authority on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Authority which is included in the Police Core Settlement which is included on the **RS line 856**.