

General Fund Revenue Account Budget 2012-13

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

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SPECIFIC LINE GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING FORM SG: SPECIFIC AND SPECIAL GRANTS 2012-13

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These notes list what to include within each line. Exclusions are in italics.

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

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 Budget Statement for 2012-13.

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, 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 is establishing 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

This specific grant reflects a transfer of responsibilities from the NHS to Councils. The Health Reform aspect includes the Blue Badge scheme which will 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 during the economic downturn.

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 520 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners

The purpose of the grant is to provide assistance to local planning authorities to engage with a process of neighbourhood-level planning and to support the delivery of new neighbourhood development plans – these are a central element of the Government's Big Society programme. The grant is needed to cover the new burdens placed upon local planning authorities by the Localism Act.

Line 524 Greater London Authority Settlement

The settlement for the Greater London Authority is to reflect its new housing and regeneration responsibilities from April 2012. These new responsibilities, as a result of the London reforms in the Localism Act 2011, represent a major decentralisation of power away from Whitehall to London government, enabling the capital to manage their own affairs.

The London reforms will:

- devolve the activities of the Homes and Communities Agency in London to the Authority;
- abolish the London Development Agency and fold in its activities to the Authority; and
- Enable the Mayor of London to establish a Mayoral Development Corporation to oversee the long term development of the Olympic Park and surrounding area.

Line 525 Preventing Repossessions Fund

The Preventing Repossession Fund, which is being allocated to every local housing authority in England, enables them to offer struggling homeowners small interest-free loans of less than £5,000 or grants to help ease debt pressures and give them the breathing space to get back top of their finances.

Line 526 Court Desk Revenue Grant

The funding will be distributed to 51 local authorities to commission a Court Desk scheme at their county court where one is not already provided independently or via the Legal Services Commission.

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 541 Housing Mobility Demonstration pilot grant

This grant is a payment to twelve local authorities / partnerships of local authorities in England, who were selected to test the assumptions of 'mutual exchange.' 'Mutual exchange' involves a council or housing association tenant exchanging their tenancy with that of another household so that they can move to an area and property of their choice.

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 (2012-13 only)

A single one-off payment of unringfenced grant for **2012-13** made under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 in support of the scheme to each eligible billing and major precepting authority.

Exclusion: *The second year payment for the 2011-12 council tax freeze grant [payable for 4 years] should now be included within your formula grant figures.*

Line 552 Weekly Collection Support Scheme

The Weekly Collection Support Scheme is a challenge fund which makes up to £250million available to support local authorities in delivering better weekly collections of household waste and recycling. It is a three year fund from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Line 553 Gurkha Support Fund

The payment to Rushmoor Borough Council to address the immediate needs in Aldershot and Farnborough areas, supporting better integration and cohesion, customer support roles, Health interpreters and class room and ESOL assistances for Ghurkha's settlement in Rushmoor.

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 574 Household Reward and Recognition Fund

A grant to help develop and support innovative schemes that encourage waste recycling and re-use and, from April 2012, waste reduction. Funding is available to through a grant open competition to local authorities and community groups.

Line 575 SuDS Maintenance Costs

A grant to provide for the ongoing maintenance costs of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) which have been adopted by the SuDS Approving Body.

Line 576 Isles of Scilly Waste

A grant to support operation, maintenance and development of the Council of the Isles of Scilly's own waste management facilities.

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 grant (£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.

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 644 Ending Gang and Youth Violence

The Home Office grant for early intervention work in 2012-13 to support up to 30 areas “most affected by gangs and youth violence”.

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 grant within AEF for which there is no specific line in the **SG** form on **Memorandum Box A**.

B. GRANTS OUTSIDE AEF (AGGREGATE EXTERNAL FINANCE)

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) / ACRE investment programme

The aim of Defra's grant funding in the Rural Community Action Network is to support and enable Rural Community Councils to undertake three key activities: local strategic influencing; support for local community action; and local intelligence gathering in each of the rural priority policy areas of: housing and planning, services and transport, fuel and energy and broadband.

Line 775 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

The grant is to support local authorities in delivering their duties as set out in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 in respect of England's 34 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

It is paid to 32 'host' authorities who collect it on behalf of all the local authorities with an interest in a particular AONB (around a total of 130 local authorities in all). The total amount of AONB grant to be paid to the 32 host authorities in 2012-13 will be £6.1m.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Line 791 European Community grants

Record the total amount for all EC grants issued.

Line 798 Other grants outside AEF

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

Items to exclude from the SG form

Council tax freeze grant [2011-12] - Exclude the 2011-12 council tax freeze grant [payable for 4 years] which is now included in the formula grant.

Work Choice – This should be reported as income on the RA form on appropriate service line.

Local Services Support Grant (LSSG): This should be reported as income on the RA form on line 803. Please refer the RA guidance notes for details.

LFEPA Civil Contingencies is now funded through Formula Grant.

Concessionary Fares grant is now funded through Formula Grant.

General GLA grant: should be recorded on **RA form line 858**.

Lottery Funding: is not a grant; it should be netted off expenditure recorded on appropriate **RA form line**.

Magistrates' Courts: are now the responsibility of Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS).

NDR allowance: is not a grant; it should be netted off expenditure recorded on **RA form line 628**, "Local Tax Collection - Other".

Police Principal Formula grant: record on **RA form line 856**.

Training Support Programme: now funded through Formula Grant .

Regional Development Agencies: grants to local authorities are capital rather than revenue grants.

Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme is not a grant. Income and expenditure in relation to landfill allowance to be recorded on **RA form Line 582**.

Firefighters' pension top up grant should not be included in the RA and SG forms as it is paid to the Firefighters' Pension Fund.

Police pension top-up grant should not be included in the SG form. The payment by Secretary of State should be shown as income in the total police services line 601 on the RA 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 RA form would be nil.

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 **RA line 856**.