

The 2019-20 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation (DRAFT)

Preamble – to be written

Summary of Questions and Responses

Question 1: Do you agree with the methodology for allocating Revenue Support Grant in 2019-20?

Agree.

Question 2: Do you agree with the Government's proposed approach to allocating £410 million un-ringfenced funding for adult and children's social care according to the existing Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula?

Not applicable.

Question 3: Do you agree with the Government's proposal to fund the New Homes Bonus in 2019-20 with the planned £900 million from Revenue Support Grant, with any additional funding being secured from departmental budgets?

Agree.

Question 4: Do you agree with the Government's proposed approach to paying £81 million Rural Services Delivery Grant in 2019-20 to the upper quartile of local authorities based on the super-sparsity indicator?

Not applicable.

Question 5: The Government intends to distribute £180m of the levy account surplus. Do you agree with the proposal to make this distribution on the basis of each authority's 2013-14 Settlement Funding Assessment?

Agree.

Question 6: What are your views on the council tax referendum principles proposed by the Government for 2019-20?

Remain of the view that council tax increases should be a local decision, but if that is not an option support the council tax referendum principles proposed.

Question 7: What are your views on the Government's approach to tariffs and top-ups in 2019-20?

Support the approach to tariffs and top-ups in 2019-20.

Question 8: Do you have any comments on the impact of the 2019-20 local government finance settlement on those who share a protected characteristic, and on the draft equality statement published alongside this consultation document? Please provide supporting evidence.

No comments.