



Department for Transport

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Dear Mr Catherall

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LOCAL TRANSPORT CAPITAL FUNDING 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the Budget 2018, the Government is allocating £420 million in the 2018/19 financial year for local highways maintenance, including the repair of potholes, to keep local bridges and structures open and safe, as well as to help aid other minor highway works that may be needed.

This new capital funding represents a significant extra investment in road maintenance and is on top of the funding we have allocated to highway authorities this financial year for local highways maintenance purposes.

In order to minimise administrative burdens for all concerned and to be fair and proportionate, we will be distributing the funding formulaically, based on the Department's existing local highways maintenance capital funding needs element formula, which takes into account highway assets for which each authority is responsible. We will make the payment for your share of the funding on 13 November.

We expect your authority to use this funding for its intended purpose. We would also expect your authority to publish a brief note on its website by end of March 2019, copied to the Department for Transport, setting out how the funding we allocated to authorities earlier this financial year and this new extra funding has been utilised. It would be helpful also if you could ensure, where feasible, that your authority publishes pictorial evidence on your website which shows the 'before' and 'after' of each repair undertaken.

The Grant Determination for the fund your authority is receiving is attached, as is a declaration at Annex A that you and your Authority's Chief Internal Auditor are required to sign and to return to the Department for Transport by 30 September 2019. We are content for this declaration to be combined with the declaration for the Local Transport Capital Block Funding 2017/18 as set out in my letter of 11 April 2018.

The table below shows your allocation from the Fund.

Grant Stream	2018/19 Allocation
Budget 2018 Additional Highway Maintenance	£855,000

Please contact us at LT.PLANS@DFT.GSI.GOV.UK or telephone Gordon Rolfe on 0207 944 2249 for queries relating to the capital block funding allocations outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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LOCAL TRANSPORT CAPITAL BLOCK FUNDING (INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE) SPECIFIC GRANT DETERMINATION (2018/19): No 31/3224.

The Minister for Local Transport (“the Minister”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination (2018/19) No.31/3224.

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister determines that the maximum additional amount of grant payable to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council shall be £855,000.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister for Local Transport



Anthony Boucher

A senior civil servant within the Department for Transport

November 2018

ANNEX A - GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under these determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
2. The Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor of each of the recipient authorities are required to sign and return to the team leader of the Local

Infrastructure team¹ in the Department for Transport a declaration, to be received no later than 30 September 2018, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Pothole Action Fund) Specific Grant Determination (2018/19) No.31/3221 have been complied with”.

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Minister may-

a) reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or

b) by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.

4. Any sum notified by the Minister under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.

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