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Introduction

1. This report is made by the First Secretary of State ("the Secretary of State") and laid before the House of Commons under section 52C of the Local Government Finance Act 1992¹ ("the 1992 Act "). It applies to billing authorities² and major precepting authorities³ in England.
2. It is made to reflect the introduction of the Dedicated Schools Grant, and changes to financing arrangements for police and fire pensions, and police security-related commitments. Local authorities' - including police and fire and rescue authorities' - Budget Requirements for 2006/07 will not include expenditure financed by the new Dedicated Schools Grant, or by specific grants for police and fire pensions and police security.
3. This report sets out the alternative notional amounts for certain billing authorities and major precepting authorities in England which the Secretary of State specifies as regards the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005. It also sets out such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the calculation by him of the alternative notional amounts.
4. If this report is approved by resolution of the House of Commons, section 52B(4) of the 1992 Act (comparison of amount calculated by the authority as its budget requirement for the year under consideration and for a financial year falling before the year under consideration) will have effect as regards the financial year beginning on 1 April 2006 ("the year under consideration") as if the alternative notional amounts for the authorities to which the Report relates were the basis of comparison there referred to.

Alternative Notional Amounts

5. The Secretary of State hereby specifies as the alternative notional amounts as regards the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005 for each billing authority and major precepting authority the amount shown against the name of the authority in Annex A to this Report.

Calculation of Alternative Notional Amounts

6. Annex B contains such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the calculation by him of the alternative notional amounts specified in this Report.

¹ Section 52C was inserted by section 30(1) and Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 1999 and applies with effect from 1 April 2000.

² For the definition of billing authority see section 1(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

³ For the definition of major precepting authority see section 39(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

Phil Woolas
Minister of State
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

24 January 2006

Annex A
Alternative Notional Amounts as regards the financial year beginning on
1 April 2005

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Billing authorities

Barking & Dagenham Borough Council	123,003,000
Barnet Borough Council	208,178,000
Barnsley District Council	150,378,000
Bath & North East Somerset District Council	92,704,000
Bexley Borough Council	137,043,000
Birmingham City Council	819,487,000
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	100,892,000
Blackpool Borough Council	108,759,000
Bolton District Council	184,668,000
Bournemouth Borough Council	111,814,000
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	58,096,000
Bradford City Council	344,157,000
Brent Borough Council	225,463,000
Brighton & Hove City Council	187,822,000
Bristol City Council	267,921,000
Bromley Borough Council	162,434,000
Bury District Council	112,817,000
Calderdale District Council	130,726,000
Camden Borough Council	221,650,000
Corporation of London	104,240,000
Coventry City Council	221,887,000
Croydon Borough Council	218,961,000
Darlington Borough Council	61,337,000
Derby City Council	147,481,000
Doncaster District Council	191,954,000
Dudley District Council	186,028,000
Ealing Borough Council	234,184,000
East Riding of Yorkshire District Council	188,378,000
Enfield Borough Council	197,143,000
Gateshead District Council	160,598,000
Greenwich Borough Council	211,997,000
Hackney Borough Council	260,843,000
Halton Borough Council	85,907,000
Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council	167,960,000
Haringey Borough Council	213,453,000
Harrow Borough Council	142,614,000
Hartlepool Borough Council	71,150,000
Havering Borough Council	137,603,000

Herefordshire District Council	110,927,000
Hillingdon Borough Council	164,494,000
Hounslow Borough Council	165,013,000
Isle of Wight County Council	103,567,000
Isles of Scilly Council	2,566,000
Islington Borough Council	208,743,000
Kensington & Chelsea Borough Council	158,311,000
Kingston upon Hull City Council	180,644,000
Kingston Upon Thames Borough Council	98,866,000
Kirklees District Council	247,279,000
Knowsley District Council	143,437,000
Lambeth Borough Council	265,096,000
Leeds City Council	460,740,000
Leicester City Council	220,419,000
Lewisham Borough Council	233,214,000
Liverpool City Council	416,146,000
Luton Borough Council	119,051,000
Manchester City Council	394,497,000
Medway Borough Council	139,253,000
Merton Borough Council	127,843,000
Middlesbrough Borough Council	106,806,000
Milton Keynes District Council	137,440,000
Newcastle Upon Tyne City Council	230,220,000
Newham Borough Council	238,870,000
North East Lincolnshire Borough Council	104,317,000
North Lincolnshire District Council	98,966,000
North Somerset District Council	109,476,000
North Tyneside District Council	142,841,000
Nottingham City Council	213,141,000
Oldham District Council	166,558,000
Peterborough City Council	109,150,000
Plymouth City Council	158,882,000
Poole Borough Council	77,523,000
Portsmouth City Council	129,972,000
Reading Borough Council	102,799,000
Redbridge Borough Council	159,436,000
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	99,898,000
Richmond Upon Thames Borough Council	119,706,000
Rochdale District Council	149,045,000
Rotherham District Council	168,361,000
Rutland District Council	21,982,000
Salford City Council	177,975,000
Sandwell District Council	227,951,000
Sefton District Council	198,954,000
Sheffield City Council	397,120,000
Slough Borough Council	83,752,000

Solihull District Council	118,406,000
South Gloucestershire District Council	136,117,000
South Tyneside District Council	123,542,000
Southampton City Council	152,488,000
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	105,045,000
Southwark Borough Council	273,661,000
St Helens District Council	125,286,000
Stockport District Council	173,886,000
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	119,250,000
Stoke on Trent City Council	159,061,000
Sunderland District Council	212,846,000
Sutton Borough Council	115,610,000
Swindon Borough Council	104,561,000
Tameside District Council	148,299,000
Telford and the Wrekin District Council	96,791,000
Thurrock District Council	92,569,000
Torbay District Council	89,443,000
Tower Hamlets Borough Council	255,533,000
Trafford District Council	126,804,000
Wakefield District Council	201,264,000
Walsall District Council	194,575,000
Waltham Forest Borough Council	180,803,000
Wandsworth Borough Council	171,585,000
Warrington Borough Council	104,762,000
West Berkshire District Council	85,869,000
Westminster City Council	197,692,000
Wigan District Council	198,284,000
Windsor & Maidenhead Borough Council	71,962,000
Wirral District Council	233,285,000
Wokingham District Council	77,693,000
Wolverhampton City Council	196,202,000
York City Council	91,859,000

Major precepting authorities

Avon & Somerset Constabulary	227,229,000
Avon Fire Authority	40,385,000
Bedfordshire & Luton Combined Fire Authority	23,625,000
Bedfordshire County Council	199,996,000
Bedfordshire Police Authority	83,893,000
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority	23,891,000
Buckinghamshire County Council	228,309,000
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority	23,723,000
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	106,110,000
Cambridgeshire County Council	262,131,000
Cheshire Constabulary	144,343,000

Cheshire County Council	317,238,000
Cheshire Fire Authority	35,998,000
Cleveland Constabulary	110,935,000
Cleveland Fire Authority	29,429,000
Cornwall County Council	280,028,000
County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Authority	25,371,000
Cumbria Constabulary	86,696,000
Cumbria County Council	269,201,000
Derbyshire Constabulary	139,444,000
Derbyshire County Council	351,350,000
Derbyshire Fire Authority	32,877,000
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	236,914,000
Devon County Council	372,235,000
Devon Fire Authority	43,610,000
Dorset County Council	186,668,000
Dorset Fire Authority	24,159,000
Dorset Police Authority	99,253,000
Durham Constabulary	98,597,000
Durham County Council	266,843,000
East Sussex County Council	267,579,000
East Sussex Fire Authority	32,766,000
Essex County Council	663,203,000
Essex Fire Authority	63,744,000
Essex Police Authority	222,973,000
Gloucestershire Constabulary	87,669,000
Gloucestershire County Council	284,734,000
Greater London Authority	2,774,226,000
Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority	103,564,000
Greater Manchester Police Authority	485,573,000
Hampshire Constabulary	259,863,000
Hampshire County Council	534,139,000
Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority	57,878,000
Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority	25,709,000
Hertfordshire Constabulary	157,585,000
Hertfordshire County Council	542,436,000
Humberside Fire Authority	40,466,000
Humberside Police Authority	152,022,000
Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority	61,162,000
Kent County Constabulary	237,974,000
Kent County Council	671,227,000
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	54,333,000
Lancashire Constabulary	230,762,000
Lancashire County Council	567,399,000
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority	29,949,000
Leicestershire Constabulary	142,486,000
Leicestershire County Council	266,701,000

Lincolnshire County Council	328,750,000
Lincolnshire Police Authority	83,054,000
Merseyside Fire and Civil Defence Authority	66,311,000
Merseyside Police Authority	285,907,000
Norfolk Constabulary	119,195,000
Norfolk County Council	430,806,000
North Yorkshire County Council	262,091,000
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	27,319,000
North Yorkshire Police Authority	119,084,000
Northamptonshire County Council	309,691,000
Northamptonshire Police Authority	101,154,000
Northumberland County Council	191,418,000
Northumbria Police Authority	252,512,000
Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority	38,156,000
Nottinghamshire Constabulary	163,776,000
Nottinghamshire County Council	377,097,000
Oxfordshire County Council	315,541,000
Royal Berkshire Fire Authority	28,941,000
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority	17,347,000
Shropshire County Council	144,260,000
Somerset County Council	256,800,000
South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority	50,643,000
South Yorkshire Police Authority	221,540,000
Staffordshire County Council	351,937,000
Staffordshire Police Authority	157,525,000
Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire Fire Authority	34,797,000
Suffolk Constabulary	93,647,000
Suffolk County Council	351,447,000
Surrey County Council	535,768,000
Surrey Police Authority	164,718,000
Sussex Police Authority	218,686,000
Thames Valley Police Authority	315,693,000
Tyne & Wear Fire and Civil Defence Authority	53,175,000
Warwickshire Constabulary	73,553,000
Warwickshire County Council	252,761,000
West Mercia Constabulary	169,623,000
West Midlands Fire and Civil Defence Authority	105,508,000
West Midlands Police Authority	483,638,000
West Sussex County Council	376,455,000
West Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority	79,641,000
West Yorkshire Police Authority	365,717,000
Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority	20,378,000
Wiltshire Constabulary	87,756,000
Wiltshire County Council	207,145,000
Worcestershire County Council	239,802,000

Annex B

Calculation of Alternative Notional Amounts

Definitions

1. In this Annex -

"budget requirement" means in respect of a billing authority the amount calculated by it in relation to the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005 under section 32(4) of the 1992 Act (less any local precepts issued to it or anticipated by the authority in accordance with section 32(6) of the 1992 Act); and in respect of a major precepting authority, the amount calculated by it in relation to the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005 under section 43(4) of the 1992 Act;

The calculation of alternative notional amounts

2. Subject to paragraph 3 below, as regards the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005 and those billing and major precepting authorities listed in Annex A to the Report, the alternative notional amount is calculated by applying the formula -

$$(A - B - C - D)$$

where -

A is an amount referred to in paragraph 4 below

B is an amount referred to in paragraph 5 below

C is an amount referred to in paragraph 6 below

D is an amount or sum of amounts set out in paragraph 7 below

3. Where (apart from this paragraph) the relevant alternative notional amount as regards an authority would be a figure other than a whole number of thousands, the figure is rounded to the first whole number of thousands above that figure.
4. The amount A equals
 - for billing authorities: the budget requirement for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005, as reported to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister at line 1 of the Budget Requirement (BR1) return 2005/06;
 - for major precepting authorities: the budget requirement for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2005, as reported to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister at line 1 of the Budget Requirement

(BR2) return 2005/06 for authorities other than the Greater London Authority, and at line 1 of the Budget Requirement (BR3) return 2005/06 for the Greater London Authority.

5. The amount B equals, for:
 - non metropolitan district councils which have the functions of county councils;
 - county councils;
 - London borough councils;
 - the Common Council of the City of London;
 - metropolitan district councils;
 - and the Council of the Isles of Scilly:the Secretary of State for Education and Skills's estimate of the element of the authority's budget requirement for 2005-06 relating to planned expenditure on the Schools Budget, derived using figures for planned expenditure on the Schools Budget for 2005-06 provided by the authority through its budget statement published under Section 52 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998. That figure has been amended for some authorities to reflect information that they provided to the Department for Education and Skills by 7 October 2005.
6. The amount C equals, for police authorities: the Secretary of State for the Home Department's estimate of the sum of:
 - (a) The element of the authority's budget requirement for 2005-06 in respect of security-related commitments that will be financed through a specific grant for 2006-07, being the estimate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of expenditure by each authority in respect of Dedicated Security Posts, including the element within the Special Payment provision made to the Metropolitan Police Authority; and
 - (b) The element of the authority's budget requirement for 2005-06 in respect of pensions payments that will be financed through a specific grant for 2006-07, being the sum of the estimated net pensions surplus or deficit in respect of 2005-06 provided by individual police forces, plus an estimate made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of the additional payments that police forces will receive from Home Office central bodies from 2006-07, in respect of seconded officers. Adjustments were made to the force figures to correct for errors and omissions.
7. The amount D equals, for fire and rescue authorities: the Secretary of State's estimate of the deficit in an authority's pension account between pensions contributions, transfers in and ill-health charges and pension payments, including transfers out, for 2005-06. These figures have been derived using estimates and been amended for some fire and rescue authorities to reflect information that they provided to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister by 21 October 2005, and the outcome of

investigations made in response to the consultation on the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.