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Dear Chief Executive,

LOCAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2025/26

As you may have seen from today's announcement, <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seven-million-more-potholes-to-be-filled-next-year-as-public-urged-to-report-roads-in-need-of-repair>, the Government has confirmed how much capital funding will be provided to English local highway authorities in the 2025/26 financial year.

The individual funding allocations for all individual authorities are set out in **Annex A** below. Your authority will receive a Section 31 grant agreement letter in the New Year providing further details. The funding will be paid, as usual, in four quarterly instalments, with the first in April 2025. The funding will be paid as one consolidated payment rather than, as was the case in previous years, under three separate funding streams.

The Department has allocated the available funding 2025/26 as follows.

The new highway maintenance block baseline is effectively set at £1.067 billion, the same amount as in 2024/25. This funding has been allocated by formula to those English local highway authorities that are not in London and not part of Mayoral Combined Authority areas in receipt of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements. Highways maintenance funding for authorities in London and Mayoral Combined Authority areas is addressed via the broader settlements they receive.

On top of this, the £500 million uplift announced by the Chancellor on 30 October has been divided up among all local highway authorities, including those in London and those that are part of Mayoral Combined Authority areas

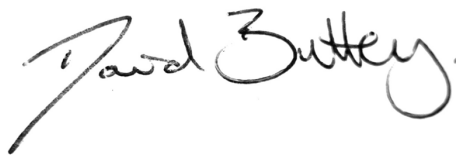
in receipt of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements. It has been allocated by formula.

All local highway authorities in England will therefore be receiving an uplift in 2025/26. Funding for subsequent years is a matter for the Spending Review which is due to conclude in the late spring of 2025.

It is, of course, for individual local highway authorities to determine how best to use this funding across their highway networks to the benefit of all road users. In Mayoral Combined Authority areas it is up to the Combined Authority to determine what funding to pass to each constituent authority. The funding is not just for fixing potholes, but for resurfacing roads and cycleways, mending broken pavements, and looking after bridges, tunnels, retaining walls and other structures.

The Department is keen to ensure that the additional funding genuinely leads to additional highway maintenance activity, and is considering further what reporting requirements might be appropriate. You will also note that 25% of the funding uplift for 2025/26 will be contingent on local highway authorities demonstrating compliance with certain criteria aimed at driving best practice and continual improvement in highways maintenance practice. Further details of this will be set out in due course.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Buttery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

DAVID BUTTERY

Annex A: Highways Maintenance Allocations 25-26

	Allocation Baseline £ (25/26)	Allocation New funding £ (25/26)	Total funding £ (25/26) - if LHAs meet incentive
Total	1,067,000,000	500,000,000	1,567,000,000
Mayoral Combined Authorities			
Greater Manchester CA	CRSTS	14,806,000	14,806,000
South Yorkshire CA	CRSTS	6,733,000	6,733,000
West Yorkshire CA	CRSTS	14,814,000	14,814,000
Liverpool City Region CA	CRSTS	8,713,000	8,713,000
Tees Valley CA	CRSTS	4,873,000	4,873,000
West Midlands CA	CRSTS	8,610,000	8,610,000
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CA	27,455,000	10,032,000	37,487,000
West of England CA	CRSTS	6,733,000	6,733,000
North East CA	CRSTS	21,734,000	21,734,000
East Midlands CA	55,786,000	19,948,000	75,735,000
York and North Yorkshire CA	45,521,000	16,660,000	62,181,000
Local Authorities			
Bedford	4,647,000	1,671,000	6,318,000

Blackburn with Darwen	2,841,000	994,000	3,835,000
Blackpool	1,757,000	609,000	2,366,000
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	5,552,000	1,926,000	7,478,000
Bracknell Forest	2,435,000	858,000	3,293,000
Brighton and Hove	3,905,000	1,378,000	5,283,000
Buckinghamshire	15,241,000	5,484,000	20,725,000
Central Bedfordshire	7,128,000	2,570,000	9,698,000
Cheshire East	15,485,000	5,546,000	21,030,000
Cheshire West and Chester	11,431,000	4,084,000	15,515,000
Cornwall	32,347,000	11,993,000	44,339,000
Devon	61,117,000	22,523,000	83,640,000
Dorset	18,273,000	6,738,000	25,011,000
East Riding of Yorkshire	16,139,000	5,876,000	22,015,000
East Sussex	15,430,000	5,570,000	21,000,000
Essex	33,723,000	12,118,000	45,841,000
Gloucestershire	25,890,000	9,421,000	35,310,000
Hampshire	38,825,000	14,099,000	52,924,000
Herefordshire	16,751,000	6,178,000	22,928,000
Hertfordshire	26,322,000	9,348,000	35,670,000
Isle of Wight	None - PFI	1,608,000	1,608,000
Isles of Scilly	None - separate funding agreement	53,000	53,000
Kent	39,992,000	14,291,000	54,283,000
Kingston upon Hull, City of	3,343,000	1,139,000	4,482,000
Lancashire	34,516,000	12,308,000	46,825,000
Leicester	3,996,000	1,368,000	5,364,000
Leicestershire	21,128,000	7,661,000	28,789,000

Lincolnshire	44,207,000	16,235,000	60,441,000
Luton	2,127,000	725,000	2,852,000
Medway	3,735,000	1,289,000	5,023,000
Milton Keynes	7,912,000	2,806,000	10,719,000
Norfolk	40,984,000	15,158,000	56,142,000
North East Lincolnshire	3,059,000	1,068,000	4,127,000
North Lincolnshire	6,541,000	2,364,000	8,905,000
North Northamptonshire	9,094,000	3,283,000	12,377,000
North Somerset	5,256,000	1,894,000	7,150,000
Oxfordshire	24,508,000	8,975,000	33,483,000
Plymouth	3,352,000	1,175,000	4,527,000
Portsmouth	2,037,000	694,000	2,731,000
Reading	2,051,000	719,000	2,770,000
Rutland	2,760,000	1,010,000	3,770,000
Shropshire	24,554,000	9,126,000	33,680,000
Slough	1,411,000	478,000	1,888,000
Somerset	32,887,000	12,078,000	44,965,000
Southampton	2,399,000	836,000	3,236,000
Southend-on-Sea	2,100,000	724,000	2,824,000
Staffordshire	28,935,000	10,465,000	39,400,000
Stoke-on-Trent	3,488,000	1,210,000	4,697,000
Suffolk	32,029,000	11,739,000	43,769,000
Surrey	23,920,000	8,514,000	32,434,000
Swindon	4,259,000	1,502,000	5,761,000
Telford and Wrekin	5,276,000	1,888,000	7,164,000
Thurrock	2,833,000	985,000	3,819,000
Torbay	2,151,000	740,000	2,891,000
Warrington	5,326,000	1,858,000	7,184,000
Warwickshire	18,707,000	6,758,000	25,465,000
West Berkshire	6,519,000	2,382,000	8,900,000
West Northamptonshire	10,733,000	3,885,000	14,618,000
West Sussex	20,058,000	7,289,000	27,347,000

Wiltshire	23,600,000	8,683,000	32,283,000
Windsor and Maidenhead	3,192,000	1,135,000	4,327,000
Wokingham	4,229,000	1,490,000	5,719,000
Worcestershire	21,711,000	7,859,000	29,571,000
Cumberland	19,358,000	7,095,000	26,453,000
Westmorland and Furness	22,725,000	8,329,000	31,054,000
London			
City of London	0	70,000	70,000
Barking and Dagenham	0	556,000	556,000
Barnet	0	1,198,000	1,198,000
Bexley	0	895,000	895,000
Brent	0	759,000	759,000
Bromley	0	1,479,000	1,479,000
Camden	0	444,000	444,000
Croydon	0	1,241,000	1,241,000
Ealing	0	945,000	945,000
Enfield	0	1,007,000	1,007,000
Greenwich	0	813,000	813,000
Hackney	0	418,000	418,000
Hammersmith and Fulham	0	356,000	356,000
Haringey	0	571,000	571,000
Harrow	0	782,000	782,000
Havering	0	1,082,000	1,082,000
Hillingdon	0	1,152,000	1,152,000
Hounslow	PFI	757,000	757,000
Islington	0	368,000	368,000
Kensington and Chelsea	0	328,000	328,000
Kingston upon Thames	0	543,000	543,000
Lambeth	0	585,000	585,000
Lewisham	0	685,000	685,000

Merton	0	606,000	606,000
Newham	0	692,000	692,000
Redbridge	0	853,000	853,000
Richmond upon Thames	0	664,000	664,000
Southwark	0	614,000	614,000
Sutton	0	749,000	749,000
Tower Hamlets	0	447,000	447,000
Transport for London	<i>TfL receives separate funding for its transport network</i>	967,000	967,000
Waltham Forest	0	686,000	686,000
Wandsworth	0	655,000	655,000
Westminster	0	523,000	523,000

As set out in p.94 of the Budget 2024 documents:

'Baseline funding for highways maintenance in 2024-25 is made up of the following funding pots: Highways Maintenance Block (HMB) needs, HMB incentive, Potholes funding, 2024-25 Network North Uplift. The baseline does not include the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements equivalent levels in the HMB and Potholes funding pots.'