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Dear Ms Ritchie

LOCAL TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT 2014/15

I am writing to confirm that the capital block funding for highways maintenance and small transport improvement schemes for your authority for 2014/15 are as set out Nick Bisson's letter of 13 December 2010. As outlined in the Department's published response to the local transport funding consultation, the integrated transport block and highway maintenance block funding will be allocated to the Integrated Transport Authority where one exists.

This funding will be provided as capital grant (not supported borrowing) and is not ring-fenced. Both block allocations are calculated through a needs-based formula and the allocation for your area is given in the attached Annex A. Draft grant conditions are provided at Annex B for information and the Grant Determination and conditions will be sent in to you in March 2014 when any requested changes to the indicated allocations have been confirmed. The Department has published explanatory notes for the integrated transport and highway maintenance block formulae, as well as the individual local authority raw data used within both formulae, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-transport-capital-block-funding>

Please contact the Local Transport Funding team at LT.PLANS@DFT.GSI.GOV.UK or on 0207 944 2249 for queries relating to the capital block funding allocations outlined in this letter or any other matter.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Fidler

Deputy Director: Local Transport Funding, Growth & Delivery

cc each Metropolitan District in your area

Annex A: Capital Block Funding Allocations for Tyne and Wear ITA

2014/15 Transport Capital Funding

The local transport block capital allocations for your authority are:

Block - <u>Final</u> Allocations	£000s
Integrated Transport	17,426
Highways Capital Maintenance	9,988

We will need to be advised of any different arrangements for payment of the highway maintenance block funding for your area by the end of January of the financial year before you require these arrangements to take place. The following table gives notional formulaic highway maintenance allocations for each Metropolitan District in your area.

Tyne and Wear ITA	2014/15 £000s
Gateshead	2,108
Newcastle upon Tyne	2,128
North Tyneside	1,714
South Tyneside	1,270
Sunderland	2,768

ANNEX B: GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under this 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 Transport Funding team¹ in the Department for Transport a declaration, to be received no later than 30 September 2015, 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 Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination 2010 No 31/1859 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

a) 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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