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All Housing Benefit colleagues, County Councils and wider if appropriate.

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For information.

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Please note the articles at paragraphs 1 to 4 are for your attention.

Editorial

Hi everyone, I hope November finds you well.

I'm delighted to provide the editorial for this month's edition which includes important updates for you and your teams.

One area that isn't included in this edition but that I wanted to mention is Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). While this doesn't impact all, it does impact a large number of local authorities (LAs). I know from our engagement with you, conversations and attending sessions at the IRRV (Institute of Revenues, Ratings and Valuation) Annual Conference and Exhibition in September 2026, there were understandable frustrations and concerns following the announcement of the review of LGR.

There has since been a further LGR announcement (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-government-reorganisation-moves-forward-in-five-counties), which will give some certainty in some areas with further clarity due in the new year. For our part, we continue to work with the Surrey LAs as their vesting days approach next April.

This work includes covering all the things needed on both sides to ensure services can continue for our citizens such as data sharing, subsidy payments and communications, from go live right through to the merging of IT systems. We will begin engaging with the next set of areas at the appropriate time but I wanted to assure you that we will provide all the support we can to help make the transition as smooth as possible in terms of your benefit services.

I hope you enjoy this edition and, until next time, take care.

Darren Baker
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Funding for Department for Work and Pensions' requirements provided by local authorities' IT software suppliers

1. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) worked with project leads and local authority (LA) Housing Benefit (HB) IT software suppliers to prepare the LA funding to pay for DWP commissioned work completed by the LA HB IT software suppliers.

2. The funding was paid to LAs on 26 October 2026. On the same date, the LA Data Sharing Team issued a letter to LAs (through their single inboxes) setting out a breakdown of the funding and the work it relates to. LAs should ensure this information is provided to their Finance team.

3. LA HB IT software suppliers have been made aware of these payments and will be invoicing you for the amount received. LA Finance teams need to ensure these invoices are paid in a timely manner.

4. Thank you for your support with this work. If you need any further information, email lawelfare.ladsdeliveryteam@dwp.gov.uk

Urgent action: Missed statutory deadline for notifying DWP of Reporting Accountant appointments

5. LAs must appoint a Reporting Accountant to undertake HB Assurance Process (HBAP) work and have a statutory requirement to notify DWP of the successful appointment.

6. Instructions for notifying DWP of a successful appointment are contained in Appendix 1 of HBAP Module 1 (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-assurance-process-hbap/hbap-module-1-dwp-reporting-framework-instruction-applicable-to-england-only). This notification must be issued to DWP by the LA no later than 1 March prior to the commencement of the financial year for which this procedure will apply.

The financial year ending March 2027 subsidy claim

7. The statutory deadline for notifying DWP of the appointment of a Reporting Accountant for the financial year ending (FYE) March 2027 subsidy claim was 1 March 2026.

8. Any LAs that have not met this deadline must to do so immediately.

Outstanding appointments or notifications for earlier subsidy years

9. LAs that have not notified DWP for years prior to FYE March 2027, must contact DWP immediately and provide details of:

- the current position for each outstanding year
- the expected date of appointment for each outstanding year
- any issues preventing the appointment of a Reporting Accountant

10. This information is required to help DWP understand the position for outstanding subsidy years and any barriers affecting compliance with this statutory requirement.

11. Replies to this request should be sent to lawelfare.hbassurance@dwp.gov.uk

New performance measurement HB work programme for November 2026 to October 2027

12. The DWP Performance Measurement Team is responsible for measuring and reporting on the accuracy of DWP benefit payments, including benefits administered by LAs.

13. We do this by randomly sampling a set of cases from the live load of the benefit. For HB this is done on a monthly basis with most LAs only coming up in one monthly sample, although some larger LAs appear in more than one.

Performance Measurement samples for the next work programme

14. Performance Measurement samples are manageable versions of a larger group from the HB live-load population. To ensure that the sampling provides information on different sub-groups, the sampling design is changed to drop elements from the current sample and replace them with a

fresh sample. This approach ensures that we refresh information on the overall population gradually over time.

15. Performance Measurement will start the next work programme in November 2026.

16. Do note:

- the sample will be targeted to select Pension age standard cases only.
- LAs will receive this sample six to eight weeks ahead of the review for profile meetings and for LA system prints to be provided to performance measurement.
- we aim to complete 1,900 reviews over a 12-month work programme
- a number of LAs have been consolidated into a single Primary Sampling Unit (PSU), this is to ensure the total sample is statistically valid at national level. Cases for review in these PSUs may be selected from one, multiple or all the LAs in the PSU
- the data from these reviews will be included in the May 2028 national statistics.

17. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support you provide to performance measurement that enables us to complete our reviews.

18. You can find our updated Housing Benefit work programme for November 2026 to October 2027 in Annex A.

19. If you have any queries about the content of this article, email performancemeasurement.hbprints@dwp.gov.uk

LA HB subsidy workshops in early 2027

20. During January to March 2026, the Local Authority Partnership, Engagement and Delivery division's LA Funding Team held a number of HB subsidy workshops with those LA staff who are responsible for completing HB subsidy claim forms. The feedback from attendees was extremely positive.

21. To help improve authorities' customer journey, the LA Funding Team is proposing to hold a further series of HB subsidy workshops through Microsoft Teams, which will be scheduled throughout the first quarter of 2027.

22. As in previous years, we intend to hold separate workshops for LA staff who are new to the role and for those more experienced in completing subsidy claims.

Workshops for LA staff new to subsidy

23. The workshops will provide a standard overview of HB subsidy methodology. The main areas of focus, in respect of claim preparation and subsequent claim settlement, will include the following:

- applicable timelines LAs need to adhere to each financial year
- how estimates determine monthly subsidy payments
- growth factors, exceptions and settlement of claims
- ssing the HB Subsidy Hub
- a question and answer session

Workshops for LA staff experienced in subsidy

24. The LA Funding Team have launched the HB Subsidy Hub. Further enhancements to the hub will include a replacement for audit workbooks and changes to the way assurance and audit reports are provided to DWP. Therefore, part of the workshop will be dedicated to how users can make the most of the new facilities within the hub.

25. The focus of this year's workshop will be directed towards:

- getting the best from the subsidy hub
- introducing the new audit workbooks
- recapping on good practice in subsidy assurance
- frequent causes of error in subsidy claims.

26. If possible, within the time constraints, the HB Assurance Team will review some of the main areas of concern that have been raised throughout the assurance period and issues highlighted in last year's workshop evaluation returns.

27. Once the content of the workshop has been finalised, LA staff members expressing an interest in attending the experienced subsidy workshop will receive confirmation of the content (including what issues will be covered).

Expressions of interest

28. Anyone wishing to attend one of these workshops should email an expression of interest to lawelfare.lapaymentsandsubsidy@dwp.gov.uk using either:

- ‘New to HB subsidy workshops 2027’ as the subject heading
- ‘Experienced in HB subsidy workshops 2027’ as the subject heading

29. Expressions of interest should be submitted by 30 November 2026 at the latest.

30. Additionally, it would be helpful if interested attendees for either workshop could indicate any subsidy issues or areas of learning they would like to discuss on the expression of interest response.

New campaign to tackle companies charging pensioners to claim benefits they’re entitled to for free

31. A new DWP campaign launched in October 2026 to raise awareness of claims management companies (CMCs) that are charging pensioners to claim benefits they could get for free.

32. CMCs are contacting pensioners offering to handle claims for benefits like Attendance Allowance or missing Home Responsibilities Protection for a fee. This isn’t illegal but the fees can be several hundred pounds. Some people don’t realise they’ve entered into an agreement until it’s too late.

33. The message we want to get across is straightforward - if you’re eligible for these benefits, it’s free to claim them.

34. Independent and trusted help is available for free from organisations including Citizens Advice (https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) and Independent Age (https://www.independentage.org/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21281290686&gclid=EAIaIQobChMItbO_u-i7lwMVtJODBx3bIQ05EAAYASAAEgKSnfD_BwE)

About the campaign

35. The campaign runs from 12 October 2026 to 23 December 2026 and aims to raise awareness of this issue amongst pensioners and the people who support them, such as family members and friends.

36. It will reach audiences through a wide range of channels, including social media, digital screens in GP waiting rooms and Post Offices, advertising on pharmacy bags, print advertising in newspapers, host read-outs on community radio and advertising on search engines.

37. DWP is working with Independent Age and Citizens Advice as trusted partners who can offer free, independent support to anyone who needs help making a claim.

Find out more

38. Visit GOV.UK for more information about this campaign (https://claimfree.campaign.gov.uk/).

Practitioners' Operational Group and Local Authority Welfare Steering Group

39. The last Practitioners' Operational Group meeting took place on 15 October 2026. Agenda items included Legacy HB discovery, LA funding update, bringing together the administration of pensioner HB and Pension Credit and an Local Authority Partnership, Engagement and Delivery division fraud and error update.

40. Both groups' meetings are held every two months (and alternately), so the next meeting will be the Local Authority Welfare Steering Group, scheduled to take place on 19 November 2026. If you have any questions regarding topics raised at these consultation groups, email lawelfare.correspondence@dwp.gov.uk

HB Decisions by the Upper Tribunal

41. Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds is not aware of any cases that have been decided by the Upper Tribunal (UT).

42. You can read all Decisions of the UT (https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fadministrative-appeals-tribunal-decisions&data=05%7C02%7CVALERIE.HUNT%40DWP.GOV.UK%7C7fbf5d44cffb427cf11b08deac4b87b4%7C96f1f6e910574117ac2880cdfe86f8c3%7C0%7C0%7C639137637553284314%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FnxXh6RdovUCCn6D6BA1hkhV9oOio4OV1QjwqKWYJhw%3D&reserved=0) on their website. Do be aware that there is an undefined time lapse between decisions being issued and their appearance on the website.

HB cases awaiting decision by the UT

43. DMA Leeds have been made aware of the following cases that are awaiting decision by the UT:

- UA-2026-000484-HB: DWP invited join as an interested party to the appeal, concerning HB overpayment dispute arising from changes to a property that were not properly reported. The Tribunal found that, although part of the overpayment arose from official error, the claimant and landlord could reasonably have been expected to realise the payments were incorrect, so the overpayment remained recoverable.
- UA-2025-001604-HB and UA-2025-001839-HB: DWP invited join as an interested party to the appeal, concerns whether inheritance held in a discretionary trust should be treated as the claimant's capital for HB purposes.

44. If you have any queries about appeals before the UT Judges or courts, contact us by email at quarryhouse.dmaleedscustomersupportservices@dwp.gov.uk

New Legislation

45. The following Statutory Instruments (SIs) have been made:

- 2026 No. 954 – The Employment Rights Act 2025 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/954/contents/made), on 1 September 2026
- 2026 No. 1063 – The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1063/contents/made), and came into force on 30 October 2026
- 2026 No. 1065 - The Employment Rights Act 2025 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1065/contents/made), 1 October 2026
- 2026 No. 1069 – The Social Security (Further Methods of Recovery) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1069/contents/made), and came into force on 29 October 2026
- 2026 No. 1072 – The Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1072/contents/made), and laid on 9 October 2026
- 2026 No. 1076 – The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1076/contents/made), and came into force on 2 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1079 – The Income-related Benefits (Subsidies to Authorities) Amendment Order 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1079/contents/made), and coming into force on 5 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1083 – The First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1083/contents/made), and coming into force on 5 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1084 – The Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Amendment) Rules 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1084/contents/made), and coming into force on 6 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1085 – The Housing (Empty Dwelling Management Orders) (Prescribed Period of Time and Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1085/contents/made), and coming into force on 5 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1094 – The Building (Local Authority Charges and Amendments Relating to Charging) (England) Regulations 2026

(https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1094/contents/made), and laid on 15 October 2026

- 2026 No. 1118 – The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (Consequential Amendments) (Precepts) (England) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1118/contents/made), and coming into force on 13 November 2026
- 2026 No. 1127 – The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1127/contents/made), on 26 October 2026

46. Copies of SIs can now be downloaded from legislation.gov.uk (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/)

What's new on our HB pages on GOV.UK

47. The following linked items can be found on our HB pages (https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/housing-benefit-for-local-authorities-bulletins) on GOV.UK.

LAWD bulletin

LAWD 10/2026 (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/la-welfare-direct-bulletins-2026/la-welfare-direct-102026)

Subject of bulletin:

- Editorial
- Update: The Department for Work and Pensions' Public Services Network removal and replacement with an internet-based solution
- Invitation to the next Data sharing and IT consultation and engagement forum
- Pension Credit Week of Action from 12 to 16 October 2026
- Practitioners' Operational Group and Local Authority Welfare Steering Group
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Annex A: Performance measurement: Updated Housing Benefit work programme for November 2026 to October 2027 (for May 2028 publication)

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HE Stand Pensi Age Samp
1	2738001	West Northamptonshire	November 2026	02/11/2026	9
1	2738002	Adur	November 2026	02/11/2026	2
1	2738002	Worthing	November 2026	02/11/2026	3
1	2738003	Barnsley	November 2026	02/11/2026	9
1	2738004	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	November 2026	02/11/2026	12
1	2738005	Brighton and Hove	November 2026	02/11/2026	8
1	2738006	Calderdale	November 2026	02/11/2026	7
1	2738007	Chichester	November 2026	02/11/2026	4
1	2738008	Coventry	November 2026	02/11/2026	7
1	2738009	Croydon	November 2026	02/11/2026	9

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HE Stand Pensi Age Sampl
1	2738010	Dacorum	November 2026	02/11/2026	5
1	2738011	Horsham	November 2026	02/11/2026	3
1	2738012	Lincoln	November 2026	02/11/2026	3
1	2738013	North Tyneside	November 2026	02/11/2026	10
1	2738014	Northumberland	November 2026	02/11/2026	12
1	2738015	South Hams	November 2026	02/11/2026	3
1	2738016	Stratford on Avon	November 2026	02/11/2026	4
1	2738017	Swale	November 2026	02/11/2026	4
1	2738018	Telford and Wrekin	November 2026	02/11/2026	7
1	2738019	Torbay	November 2026	02/11/2026	5
1	2738020	Warwick	November 2026	02/11/2026	4
1	2738021	Welwyn Hatfield	November 2026	02/11/2026	4

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
2	2738022	East Ayrshire	December 2026	30/11/2026	5
2	2738022	East Renfrewshire	December 2026	30/11/2026	2
2	2738023	Fylde	December 2026	30/11/2026	2
2	2738023	Ribble Valley	December 2026	30/11/2026	1
2	2738023	South Ribble	December 2026	30/11/2026	2
2	2738024	Enfield	December 2026	30/11/2026	7
2	2738025	Gateshead	December 2026	30/11/2026	10
2	2738026	Kirklees	December 2026	30/11/2026	11
2	2738027	Medway	December 2026	30/11/2026	7
2	2738028	North Lanarkshire	December 2026	30/11/2026	15
2	2738029	Portsmouth	December 2026	30/11/2026	9
2	2738030	Sandwell	December 2026	30/11/2026	11
2	2738031	South Ayrshire	December 2026	30/11/2026	4
2	2738032	South Lanarkshire	December 2026	30/11/2026	12

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
2	2738033	Southwark	December 2026	30/11/2026	12
2	2738034	Stockport	December 2026	30/11/2026	6
2	2738035	Tameside	December 2026	30/11/2026	8
2	2738036	Trafford	December 2026	30/11/2026	6
2	2738037	Wyre	December 2026	30/11/2026	3
2	2738038	Bradford	December 2026	30/11/2026	6
2	2738039	Wandsworth	December 2026	30/11/2026	4

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
3	2738040	Pendle	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738041	Boston	January 2027	11/01/2027	2
3	2738041	South Holland	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738042	Cheltenham	January 2027	11/01/2027	3

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
3	2738043	Lewes	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738044	Amber Valley	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738045	Breckland	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738046	Conwy	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738047	Denbighshire	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738048	Great Yarmouth	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738049	Halton	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738050	Hillingdon	January 2027	11/01/2027	6
3	2738051	Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	January 2027	11/01/2027	5
3	2738052	Knowsley	January 2027	11/01/2027	6
3	2738053	Merton	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738054	North Norfolk	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738055	Nuneaton and Bedworth	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738056	North Yorkshire	January 2027	11/01/2027	19

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
3	2738057	Solihull	January 2027	11/01/2027	6
3	2738058	South Gloucestershire	January 2027	11/01/2027	6
3	2738059	South Kesteven	January 2027	11/01/2027	5
3	2738060	Wealden	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738061	Cotswold	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738062	Forest of Dean	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738062	Stroud	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738063	Tewkesbury	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738064	Mid Sussex	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738039	Wandsworth	January 2027	11/01/2027	4
3	2738065	Barnet	January 2027	11/01/2027	3
3	2738066	County Durham	January 2027	11/01/2027	11
3	2738067	Leeds	January 2027	11/01/2027	12

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
4	2738068	Allerdale	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738068	Copeland	February 2027	08/02/2027	2
4	2738069	Moray	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738070	Brentwood	February 2027	08/02/2027	1
4	2738070	Epping Forest	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738071	Monmouthshire	February 2027	08/02/2027	2
4	2738071	Torfaen	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738072	Mid Devon	February 2027	08/02/2027	2
4	2738072	Torridge	February 2027	08/02/2027	2
4	2738073	Eastleigh	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738073	Fareham	February 2027	08/02/2027	2
4	2738074	Highland	February 2027	08/02/2027	7
4	2738074	Orkney Islands	February 2027	08/02/2027	0
4	2738074	Outer Hebrides	February 2027	08/02/2027	1

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
4	2738074	Shetland Islands	February 2027	08/02/2027	0
4	2738075	Aberdeen City	February 2027	08/02/2027	8
4	2738076	Angus	February 2027	08/02/2027	4
4	2738077	Blaenau Gwent	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738078	Bury	February 2027	08/02/2027	5
4	2738079	Caerphilly	February 2027	08/02/2027	6
4	2738080	Carlisle	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738081	Derby	February 2027	08/02/2027	7
4	2738082	Fife	February 2027	08/02/2027	15
4	2738083	Hounslow	February 2027	08/02/2027	6
4	2738084	Luton	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738085	North Devon	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738086	South Tyneside	February 2027	08/02/2027	9
4	2738087	York	February 2027	08/02/2027	4

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
4	2738088	Aberdeenshire	February 2027	08/02/2027	7
4	2738089	Harlow	February 2027	08/02/2027	4
4	2738090	Gosport	February 2027	08/02/2027	3
4	2738066	County Durham	February 2027	08/02/2027	11
4	2738067	Leeds	February 2027	08/02/2027	12
4	2738091	Birmingham	February 2027	08/02/2027	9

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
5	2738092	North Kesteven	March 2027	08/03/2027	3
5	2738093	Bristol	March 2027	08/03/2027	12
5	2738094	Cardiff	March 2027	08/03/2027	9
5	2738095	Cheshire West and Chester	March 2027	08/03/2027	9
5	2738096	Doncaster	March 2027	08/03/2027	10

Sample	New Primary Sampling Unit	Local authority (LA) name	Sample month	Review start	LA HB Standard Pension Age Sample
5	2738097	Dudley	March 2027	08/03/2027	9
5	2738098	Dundee City	March 2027	08/03/2027	7
5	2738099	East Devon	March 2027	08/03/2027	4
5	2738100	East Lindsey	March 2027	08/03/2027	5
5	2738101	Flintshire	March 2027	08/03/2027	4
5	2738102	Greenwich	March 2027	08/03/2027	10
5	2738103	Hammersmith and Fulham	March 2027	08/03/2027	7
5	2738104	Harrow	March 2027	08/03/2027	4
5	2738105	Havering	March 2027	08/03/2027	6
5	2738106	Islington	March 2027	08/03/2027	9
5	2738107	Kensington and Chelsea	March 2027	08/03/2027	6
5	2738108	Milton Keynes	March 2027	08/03/2027	8
5	2738109	Slough	March 2027	08/03/2027	3
5	2738110	Tendring	March 2027	08/03/2027	5

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5	2738111	Waltham Forest	March 2027	08/03/2027	6
5	2738112	West Suffolk	March 2027	08/03/2027	5
5	2738113	West Lindsey	March 2027	08/03/2027	3
5	2738114	Basildon	March 2027	08/03/2027	6
5	2738091	Birmingham	March 2027	08/03/2027	9

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6	2738115	Barrow in Furness	April 2027	12/04/2027	2
6	2738115	Eden	April 2027	12/04/2027	1
6	2738115	South Lakeland	April 2027	12/04/2027	2
6	2738116	Maldon	April 2027	12/04/2027	2
6	2738117	Clackmannanshire	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738117	East Dunbartonshire	April 2027	12/04/2027	2

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6	2738117	Stirling	April 2027	12/04/2027	2
6	2738118	Havant	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738119	Dartford	April 2027	12/04/2027	2
6	2738119	Gravesham	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738120	Bolsover	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738121	Arun	April 2027	12/04/2027	5
6	2738122	Ashfield	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738123	Barking and Dagenham	April 2027	12/04/2027	6
6	2738124	Blackburn with Darwen	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738125	Braintree	April 2027	12/04/2027	5
6	2738126	Chelmsford	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738127	Chesterfield	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738128	Cornwall	April 2027	12/04/2027	19
6	2738129	Manchester	April 2027	12/04/2027	19

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6	2738130	Mansfield	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738131	Norwich	April 2027	12/04/2027	6
6	2738132	Reading	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738133	Sheffield	April 2027	12/04/2027	20
6	2738134	Tower Hamlets	April 2027	12/04/2027	9
6	2738135	Wigan	April 2027	12/04/2027	9
6	2738136	Test Valley	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738137	Winchester	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738138	Mid Suffolk	April 2027	12/04/2027	3
6	2738139	North East Derbyshire	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738140	Newport	April 2027	12/04/2027	4
6	2738141	Leicester	April 2027	12/04/2027	4

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7	2738142	Bromsgrove	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738142	High Peak	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738142	Redditch	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738142	South Derbyshire	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738143	Derbyshire Dales	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738144	East Staffordshire	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738144	Staffordshire Moorlands	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738145	East Lothian	May 2027	10/05/2027	4
7	2738146	Epsom and Ewell	May 2027	10/05/2027	1
7	2738146	Reigate and Banstead	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738147	Hyndburn	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738147	Rossendale	May 2027	10/05/2027	2
7	2738148	Argyll and Bute	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738149	Bath and North East Somerset	May 2027	10/05/2027	4

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7	2738150	Burnley	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738151	Colchester	May 2027	10/05/2027	4
7	2738152	Darlington	May 2027	10/05/2027	4
7	2738153	Isle of Wight	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738154	Kingston upon Hull	May 2027	10/05/2027	15
7	2738155	Lambeth	May 2027	10/05/2027	12
7	2738156	Middlesbrough	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738157	Neath Port Talbot	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738158	Perth And Kinross	May 2027	10/05/2027	4
7	2738159	Peterborough	May 2027	10/05/2027	6
7	2738160	Preston	May 2027	10/05/2027	4
7	2738161	Redcar And Cleveland	May 2027	10/05/2027	6
7	2738162	Rhondda Cynon Taf	May 2027	10/05/2027	6
7	2738163	Richmond Upon Thames	May 2027	10/05/2027	4

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7	2738164	Scottish Borders	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738165	Sefton	May 2027	10/05/2027	9
7	2738166	Southampton	May 2027	10/05/2027	9
7	2738167	Swansea	May 2027	10/05/2027	7
7	2738168	Warrington	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738169	West Dunbartonshire	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738170	Midlothian	May 2027	10/05/2027	3
7	2738171	New Forest	May 2027	10/05/2027	5
7	2738172	West Berkshire	May 2027	10/05/2027	5

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8	2738173	Tandridge	June 2027	07/06/2027	2
8	2738174	Harborough	June 2027	07/06/2027	2

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8	2738174	Melton	June 2027	07/06/2027	1
8	2738174	Rutland	June 2027	07/06/2027	1
8	2738175	Cherwell	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738176	City of London	June 2027	07/06/2027	1
8	2738176	Westminster	June 2027	07/06/2027	8
8	2738177	Teignbridge	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738177	West Devon	June 2027	07/06/2027	1
8	2738178	Ashford	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738178	Sevenoaks	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738179	Basingstoke and Deane	June 2027	07/06/2027	5
8	2738180	Cambridge	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738181	Camden	June 2027	07/06/2027	8
8	2738182	Canterbury	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738183	Dover	June 2027	07/06/2027	4

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8	2738184	Exeter	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738185	Folkestone and Hythe	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738186	Glasgow	June 2027	07/06/2027	30
8	2738187	Hastings	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738188	North Somerset	June 2027	07/06/2027	6
8	2738189	Redbridge	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738190	Rother	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738191	Rotherham	June 2027	07/06/2027	10
8	2738192	Thanet	June 2027	07/06/2027	5
8	2738193	South Oxfordshire	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738194	Tonbridge and Malling	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738195	Blaby	June 2027	07/06/2027	2
8	2738195	Oadby and Wigston	June 2027	07/06/2027	1
8	2738196	Vale of White Horse	June 2027	07/06/2027	3

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8	2738197	Tunbridge Wells	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738198	Rugby	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738199	West Oxfordshire	June 2027	07/06/2027	3
8	2738200	Vale of Glamorgan	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738038	Bradford	June 2027	07/06/2027	6
8	2738201	Hackney	June 2027	07/06/2027	5
8	2738202	Haringey	June 2027	07/06/2027	4
8	2738091	Birmingham	June 2027	07/06/2027	9

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9	2738203	East Cambridgeshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738204	Bracknell Forest	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738205	Castle Point	July 2027	05/07/2027	2

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9	2738205	Rochford	July 2027	05/07/2027	2
9	2738206	Lichfield	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738207	South Staffordshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	4
9	2738208	Bexley	July 2027	05/07/2027	5
9	2738209	Bolton	July 2027	05/07/2027	8
9	2738210	Bridgend	July 2027	05/07/2027	4
9	2738211	Bromley	July 2027	05/07/2027	7
9	2738212	Cannock Chase	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738213	East Suffolk	July 2027	05/07/2027	8
9	2738214	Kingston upon Thames	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738215	Lewisham	July 2027	05/07/2027	10
9	2738216	North East Lincolnshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	5
9	2738217	North Lincolnshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	5
9	2738218	Nottingham	July 2027	05/07/2027	11

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9	2738219	Rushmoor	July 2027	05/07/2027	2
9	2738220	Salford	July 2027	05/07/2027	10
9	2738221	Wakefield	July 2027	05/07/2027	15
9	2738222	Walsall	July 2027	05/07/2027	10
9	2738223	Windsor and Maidenhead	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738224	Fenland	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738225	Hart	July 2027	05/07/2027	2
9	2738225	Surrey Heath	July 2027	05/07/2027	1
9	2738225	Wokingham	July 2027	05/07/2027	2
9	2738226	South Cambridgeshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	4
9	2738227	East Hampshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738228	North Warwickshire	July 2027	05/07/2027	2
9	2738228	Tamworth	July 2027	05/07/2027	3
9	2738229	Stafford	July 2027	05/07/2027	3

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9	2738230	Newcastle Under Lyme	July 2027	05/07/2027	4
9	2738201	Hackney	July 2027	05/07/2027	5
9	2738202	Haringey	July 2027	05/07/2027	4
9	2738091	Birmingham	July 2027	05/07/2027	9

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10	2738231	Babergh	August 2027	02/08/2027	3
10	2738232	North Northamptonshire	August 2027	02/08/2027	12
10	2738233	Merthyr Tydfil	August 2027	02/08/2027	2
10	2738233	Powys	August 2027	02/08/2027	4
10	2738234	Ceredigion	August 2027	02/08/2027	2
10	2738234	Gwynedd	August 2027	02/08/2027	3
10	2738234	Pembrokeshire	August 2027	02/08/2027	4

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10	2738235	Isle of Anglesey	August 2027	02/08/2027	2
10	2738236	Blackpool	August 2027	02/08/2027	6
10	2738237	Carmarthenshire	August 2027	02/08/2027	5
10	2738238	Charnwood	August 2027	02/08/2027	3
10	2738239	Dorset council	August 2027	02/08/2027	11
10	2738240	Dumfries And Galloway	August 2027	02/08/2027	5
10	2738241	Ealing	August 2027	02/08/2027	7
10	2738242	Edinburgh	August 2027	02/08/2027	13
10	2738243	Hartlepool	August 2027	02/08/2027	4
10	2738244	Maidstone	August 2027	02/08/2027	3
10	2738245	Newcastle Upon Tyne	August 2027	02/08/2027	12
10	2738246	Plymouth	August 2027	02/08/2027	9
10	2738247	Rochdale	August 2027	02/08/2027	7
10	2738248	Southend on Sea	August 2027	02/08/2027	6

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10	2738249	Stockton On Tees	August 2027	02/08/2027	6
10	2738250	Swindon	August 2027	02/08/2027	6
10	2738251	West Lothian	August 2027	02/08/2027	7
10	2738252	Wirral	August 2027	02/08/2027	11
10	2738253	Wolverhampton	August 2027	02/08/2027	9
10	2738065	Barnet	August 2027	02/08/2027	3
10	2738254	Newham	August 2027	02/08/2027	4

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11	2738255	Lancaster	September 2027	30/08/2027	4
11	2738256	Oxford	September 2027	30/08/2027	4
11	2738257	Thurrock	September 2027	30/08/2027	5
11	2738258	Hinckley and Bosworth	September 2027	30/08/2027	3

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11	2738259	Broxtowe	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738259	Gedling	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738259	Rushcliffe	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738260	Broxbourne	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738260	Stevenage	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738260	Uttlesford	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738261	Malvern Hills	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738261	Worcester	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738262	Guildford	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738262	Mole Valley	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738263	Runnymede	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738263	Spelthorne	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738263	Woking	September 2027	30/08/2027	2
11	2738264	Brent	September 2027	30/08/2027	9

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11	2738265	Buckinghamshire	September 2027	30/08/2027	13
11	2738266	Cheshire East	September 2027	30/08/2027	9
11	2738267	East Riding Of Yorkshire	September 2027	30/08/2027	9
11	2738268	Elmbridge	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738269	Ipswich	September 2027	30/08/2027	5
11	2738270	Liverpool	September 2027	30/08/2027	21
11	2738271	Newark and Sherwood	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738272	North Hertfordshire	September 2027	30/08/2027	4
11	2738273	Oldham	September 2027	30/08/2027	7
11	2738274	Sunderland	September 2027	30/08/2027	15
11	2738275	Wychavon	September 2027	30/08/2027	4
11	2738276	Wyre Forest	September 2027	30/08/2027	4
11	2738277	North West Leicestershire	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738278	East Hertfordshire	September 2027	30/08/2027	3

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11	2738279	Waverley	September 2027	30/08/2027	3
11	2738254	Newham	September 2027	30/08/2027	4

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12	2738280	Sutton	October 2027	27/09/2027	5
12	2738281	Broadland	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738282	Chorley	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738282	West Lancashire	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738283	Hertsmere	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738283	St Albans	October 2027	27/09/2027	2
12	2738283	Three Rivers	October 2027	27/09/2027	2
12	2738283	Watford	October 2027	27/09/2027	2
12	2738284	Bassetlaw	October 2027	27/09/2027	3

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12	2738285	Bedford	October 2027	27/09/2027	4
12	2738286	Central Bedfordshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	8
12	2738287	Crawley	October 2027	27/09/2027	4
12	2738288	Eastbourne	October 2027	27/09/2027	4
12	2738289	Erewash	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738290	Falkirk	October 2027	27/09/2027	6
12	2738291	Gloucester	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738292	Herefordshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	5
12	2738293	Huntingdonshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	4
12	2738294	Inverclyde	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738295	Somerset	October 2027	27/09/2027	6
12	2738296	North Ayrshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	6
12	2738297	Renfrewshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	6
12	2738298	Shropshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	9

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12	2738299	St. Helens	October 2027	27/09/2027	6
12	2738300	Stoke on Trent	October 2027	27/09/2027	9
12	2738301	Wiltshire	October 2027	27/09/2027	13
12	2738302	Wrexham	October 2027	27/09/2027	5
12	2738303	South Norfolk	October 2027	27/09/2027	3
12	2738141	Leicester	October 2027	27/09/2027	4

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