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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE** Final Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlements  
2012-13

**DATE** 7 December 2011

**BY** Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and  
Communities

Today I am announcing the details of the final revenue and capital settlements for the 22 unitary authorities in Wales for 2012-13.

### The Overall Settlement

In preparing the final settlement I have given careful consideration to the responses I received through the consultation on the provisional settlement.

Next year, after accounting for transfers, local authorities in Wales will receive an increase of 0.24% on the previous year's revenue settlement. This is unchanged from the provisional settlement announcement I made on 18 October 2011.

Included in the final settlement are a further two specific grants in line with our commitment to reduce the amount of hypothecated funding provided outside the Revenue Support Grant. These are Deprivation of Liberty safeguards funding and mental health act funding amounting to £718 thousand.

Recognising the case for reducing the ringfencing of specific grants I had proposed to include the £32 million currently provided through the Learning Disabilities Resettlement Grant in the settlement for 2012-13. Regrettably local government was not able to agree collectively on the arrangements for transferring this into the settlement hence it will be subject to further consideration with a view to including it in the 2013-14 settlement.

### **Specific Revenue Grants**

I am also providing local authorities with details of the total Wales specific grants they can expect to receive in 2012-13. Revenue Support Grant and Specific Grants taken together

will provide authorities with a comprehensive picture of the funding the Assembly Government will provide in 2012-13, to allow them to budget effectively. In addition to funding authorities will receive through the settlement, they will also receive over **£700** million in specific grants. Included within this are major grants for areas such as Concessionary Fares; Sustainable Waste Management; Foundation Phase and Supporting People.

### **Distribution between Authorities**

Table 1a attached details the relative annual increase in the revenue settlement for the twenty two authorities, after adjusting for transfers.

### Capital Settlement

With regard to the capital settlement, the capital allocation for 2012-13, including specific capital grants will be £424 million unchanged on the provisional settlement figure.

The General Capital Fund totals some £161 million. This is unhypothecated capital funding of which £54 million is paid as capital grant, the remainder, some £107 million, is provided as support for borrowing.

Further detailed tables will be made available on the Welsh Government's internet site.

A motion to the National Assembly for Wales to approve the local government finance report for 2012-13 is scheduled for debate on the 10 January.

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**Table 1a: Change in AEF, adjusted for transfers, by unitary authority**

	<i>£000s</i>		
<b>Unitary authority</b>	<b>2011-12 final AEF*</b>	<b>2012-13 final AEF</b>	<b>% change</b>
Isle of Anglesey	93,414	92,331	-1.2%
Gwynedd	167,983	168,067	0.0%
Conwy	144,583	143,992	-0.4%
Denbighshire	136,511	137,442	0.7%
Flintshire	184,912	184,453	-0.2%
Wrexham	161,104	163,076	1.2%
Powys	179,393	177,982	-0.8%
Ceredigion	100,963	99,960	-1.0%
Pembrokeshire	159,890	160,081	0.1%
Carmarthenshire	249,258	250,934	0.7%
Swansea	298,235	300,174	0.6%
Neath Port Talbot	196,550	197,845	0.7%
Bridgend	178,682	179,665	0.6%
The Vale Of Glamorgan	150,597	151,175	0.4%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	344,130	345,651	0.4%
Merthyr Tydfil	86,249	85,682	-0.7%
Caerphilly	250,980	253,635	1.1%
Blaenau Gwent	108,470	107,439	-1.0%
Torfaen	129,626	129,236	-0.3%
Monmouthshire	96,170	94,406	-1.8%
Newport	194,341	192,799	-0.8%
Cardiff	395,247	400,981	1.5%
<b>Total Unitary Authorities</b>	<b>4,007,287</b>	<b>4,017,005</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

\*The AEF for  
2011-12 has been adjusted for transfers (which are expressed in 2011-12 prices) to ensure comparability with the 2012-13 settlement. The total net transfers result in a reduction of £845, 000.