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Dear Sir / Madam,

Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance Blocks) Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681

Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant (TSOG) and Green Light Fund (GLF)

Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council

Further to the Secretary of State for Transport's announcement of Plan for Drivers measures in March 2024, I am writing to confirm that £619283 will be paid to Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council on 26th March 2024 from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund. This funding has been issued under the same grant conditions as the main capital block funding under Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681 and is provided as non-ring-fenced capital grant and is to be spent by 31st March 2026.

The table below sets out the amount we have paid to Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund. This is an additional award on top of the local transport capital funding for the 2023/24 financial year to your authority. This letter should be read in conjunction with the letter sent to you in June 2023 detailing that award.

2024 Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund Allocation

Transport authority	Total award (£)	TSOG element (£)	GLF element (£)
Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council	619283	119283	500000

The this table shows the total funding to be provided to your authority from the 'automatic' and challenge fund elements of TSOG and GLF. The challenge element of your award has been reallocated from TSOG to GLF to assist with balancing available budgets. This does not affect your use of the grant and you should proceed with delivery as planned and stated in your challenge application.

This funding is being allocated specifically to address the backlog in traffic signal maintenance and upgrading works in English local authorities and is made up of two funds:

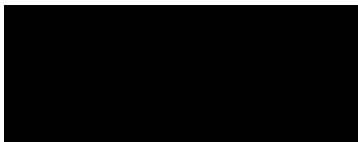
- TSOG, the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant, to upgrade traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment and,
- GLF, the Green Light Fund, to provide funding to tune up traffic signals to better reflect current traffic conditions and get traffic flowing.

Following the application you submitted to the challenge process in 2023, you have been allocated funding from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and Green Light Fund to target the issues outlined above in your area.

The Department intends to undertake a sample audit of evidence from some authorities during the financial year and in addition, in the interests of transparency we may also publish full results of all authorities' results on the Government website.

Further details will be issued shortly but please contact Darren Capes (Darren.capes@dft.gov.uk) if you have any queries at this time.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Ferguson
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| Annex A | The Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance Blocks) Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681. |
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ANNEX A

Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance Blocks) Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681.

The Minister for Local Transport (“the Minister”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

This determination may be cited as the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance Blocks) Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681.

Purpose of the grant

The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

The Minister determines:

- (a) that the authorities listed in Annex D are the authorities to which grant under this determination is to be paid.
- (b) that the maximum amount of grant payable to each authority shall be the amount shown against the name of the authority in the accompanying table at Annex D.

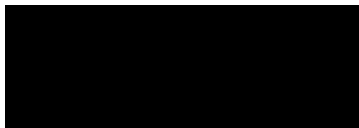
Grant conditions

Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister for Local Transport



Anthony Ferguson
A senior civil servant within the Department for Transport

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 will be required to sign and return to the team leader of the Smart Transport Team in the Department for Transport a declaration, to be received no later than 31st October 2024, 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 the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance Blocks) Specific Grant Determination (2023/24): No.31/6681 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
 - b) 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.
- 5) You are required no later than 30th April 2024 to produce a list of the schemes you intend to deliver with this grant funding to address these issues, which should be submitted through the on-line portal available on the Transport Technology Forum website. Details of this process will be published shortly, and we will be working with the Local Council Roads Innovation Group (LCRIG) to support authorities to provide this information.
- 6) This determination includes a declaration that you and your Authority’s Chief Internal Auditor are required to sign and return to the Department for Transport by 30 October 2024. Please provide this declaration to darren.capes@dft.gov.uk.

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ANNEX C

Additional Information

Recipients of grant funding from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant and / or the Green Light Fund are advised of the following additional Information.

DCIS, the Digital Controller Information Standard

The DfT is working with an industry group to develop a digital standard for the description of traffic signal layout, operation and controller logic, to be known as DCIS, the Digital Controller Information Standard. This will ultimately allow detailed information for traffic signal controllers and their operation to be stored in an open, non-proprietary digital format that is capable of being shared freely and used by other systems and services. It is anticipated that a key benefit of DCIS will be the ability for controllers to be specified, designed, configured and maintained as a 'end to end' digital process with information in a common open format flowing between the actors engaged in each stage of the process. As the DCIS standard is developed through its alpha and beta design phases, we expect authorities using TSOG and GLF funding to undertake works at traffic signal sites to engage with the DCIS development team as needed.

An initial phase of the DCIS programme is to develop a common numbering system to be applied in parallel to locally used numbering systems to all traffic signal sites in the UK. This common number is to be known as the 'Simmonite Number', in recognition Brian Simmonite, one of the founders of traffic signal adaptive control in the UK.

As part of the requirement of TSOG and GLF recipients to provide a scheme list on receipt of grant funding, it is also required that recipients work with the Transport Technology Forum and the DCIS team to apply Simmonite Numbers to their signals estate. Further guidance for this requirement will be issued by the Transport Technology Forum in April 2024.

DTRO, the Digital Traffic Regulation Orders Standard

A further issue which, although not directly relevant to traffic signal maintenance will be of interest is the DTRO programme. The Government is moving ahead with the Automated Vehicles bill which will require local authorities send the legal Traffic Regulation Orders they make (for example, to set speed limits, close roads and designate parking bays) to a central publication platform. The DfT are currently working on building the central platform and will soon be looking for Traffic Authorities to take part in Private Beta testing. We then aim to enter into Public Beta before the end of this year, at that point, the service will be open to all. This will allow Traffic Authorities to begin using the service in advance of it becoming a legal requirement if they wish.

The Department will provide support through this change and will be working with software providers to make the change as seamless as possible for those who already use software to create TROs. The Department will continue to work with the British Parking Association and attend events through the spring. The subject of DTRO will be addressed at the Transport Technology Forum Conference in April 2024 and the TTF Working Group will be available to provide additional and ongoing support to the sector, including newsletters, videos and webinars. It is anticipated that in Autumn 2024 a full round of stakeholder engagement will commence.

ANNEX D

English local transport authorities, list of awards under the TSOG and GLF Grants

Authority	TOTAL Grant (£)	Total from the TSOG fund (£)	Total from the GLF fund (£)
Bath & North East Somerset Council	45,070	45,070	-
BCP Council	619,283	119,283	500,000
Bedford Council	544,683	544,683	-
Blackburn with Darwen Council	555,185	555,185	-
Blackpool Council	566,656	66,656	500,000
Bracknell Forest Council	527,903	27,903	500,000
Brighton and Hove City Council	118,547	118,547	-
Bristol Council	606,301	606,301	-
Buckinghamshire County Council	87,467	87,467	-
Cambridgeshire County Council	623,624	123,624	500,000
Central Bedfordshire Council	552,899	552,899	-
Cheshire East Council	577,003	577,003	-
Cheshire West and Chester Council	575,724	575,724	-
City of Stoke-on-Trent Council	64,563	64,563	-
City of York Council	560,843	60,843	500,000
Cornwall Council	159,083	159,083	-
Coventry City Council	500,000	-	500,000
Cumberland Council	49,721	49,721	-
Darlington Borough Council	34,336	34,336	-
Derby City Council	570,183	70,183	500,000
Derbyshire County Council	641,218	141,218	500,000
Devon County Council	639,551	139,551	500,000
Dorset Council			

	576,383	76,383	500,000
Durham County Council	500,000	500,000	-
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	563,556	563,556	-
East Sussex County Council	613,122	113,122	500,000
Essex County Council	743,178	243,178	500,000
Gloucestershire County Council	610,874	610,874	-
Hampshire County Council	205,239	205,239	-
Hartlepool Borough Council	27,864	27,864	-
Herefordshire County Council	541,428	41,428	500,000
Hertfordshire County Council	677,026	677,026	-
Hull City Council	554,953	54,953	500,000
Isle of Wight Council	265,888	265,888	-
Kent county council	86,420	86,420	-
Kirklees Council	500,000	-	500,000
Lancashire County Council	234,614	234,614	-
Leeds City Council	500,000	500,000	-
Leicester City Council	599,054	99,054	500,000
Leicestershire County Council	605,720	105,720	500,000
Lincolnshire County Council	628,352	128,352	500,000
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	390,209	390,209	-
Luton Borough Council	556,464	556,464	-
Medway Council	561,579	561,579	-
Middlesbrough Borough Council	40,962	40,962	-
Milton Keynes City Council	559,177	559,177	-
Norfolk County Council	660,478	160,478	500,000
North East Combined Authority	540,573	540,573	-
North East Lincolnshire Council	557,316	557,316	-

North Lincolnshire Council	44,915	44,915	-
North Northamptonshire Council	552,860	552,860	-
North Somerset Council	537,668	537,668	-
North Yorkshire Council	117,152	117,152	-
Northumberland County Council	500,000	500,000	-
Nottingham City Council	631,374	131,374	500,000
Nottinghamshire County Council	651,759	651,759	-
Oxfordshire County Council	642,923	642,923	-
Peterborough City Council	54,526	54,526	-
Plymouth Council	75,337	75,337	-
Portsmouth City Council	571,733	71,733	500,000
Reading Council	561,231	561,231	-
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	33,057	33,057	-
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	500,000	500,000	-
Rutland Council	17,749	17,749	-
Sandwell Metropolitan Council	500,000	-	500,000
Sefton Council	500,000	-	500,000
Sheffield City Region (Combined Authority)	326,615	326,615	-
Shropshire Council	63,013	63,013	-
Slough Borough Council	552,279	52,279	500,000
Solihull Council	500,000	500,000	-
Somerset County Council	585,607	585,607	-
South Gloucestershire Council	49,488	49,488	-
Southampton City Council	582,313	582,313	-
Southend-on-Sea City Council	554,294	54,294	500,000
Staffordshire County Council	132,653	132,653	-
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	47,706	47,706	-

Suffolk County Council	625,794	625,794	-
Sunderland City Council	500,000	500,000	-
Surrey County Council	685,397	185,397	500,000
Swindon Borough Council	553,402	553,402	-
Tees Valley Combined Authority (consolidated bid)	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Telford & Wrekin Council	36,390	36,390	-
Thurrock Council	37,630	37,630	-
Torbay Council	41,195	41,195	-
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (consolidated bid)	5,626,838	626,838	5,000,000
Wakefield City Metropolitan Borough Council	500,000	500,000	-
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	500,000	500,000	-
Warrington Borough Council	557,898	57,898	500,000
Warwickshire County Council	602,193	602,193	-
West Berkshire Council	35,266	35,266	-
West Midlands Combined Authority	682,760	682,760	-
West Northamptonshire Council	67,315	67,315	-
West Sussex County Council	644,706	144,706	500,000
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	507,826	507,826	-
Westmorland and Furness Council	549,721	549,721	-
Wiltshire Council	584,521	584,521	-
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	532,979	32,979	500,000
Wokingham Borough Council	528,445	528,445	-
City of Wolverhampton	500,000	500,000	-
Worcestershire County Council	593,202	93,202	500,000