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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Introductory text

Excesses

- 1. This Statement of Excesses sets out the amounts that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England requests Parliament to grant in an Excess Vote.
- 2. Excess Votes are presented if expenditure of resources or cash has exceeded the provision in the Main, Revised and Supplementary Estimates approved by Parliament and authorised in Appropriations Acts.
- 3. Before any Excess Votes are sought, the resource accounts for each Estimate are prepared by the relevant entity. The accounts are examined and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General and laid before the House of Commons. A report by the Comptroller and Auditor General is made on any such accounts where expenditure of resources or cash exceeds the amounts, or falls outside the categories of expenditure, authorised by Parliament.
- 4. A Statement of Excesses is presented to Parliament towards the end of the financial year following the one to which it relates. Under House of Commons Standing Orders, if the Committee of Public Accounts has reported that it sees no objection to the sums necessary being provided by Excess Vote, the question on the motion to approve them is put to the House without debate. Authorisation of additional resources and issues from the Consolidated Fund in respect of Excess Votes for 2020-21 will be given legislative authority in the upcoming Supply and Appropriation (Anticipations and Adjustments) Act.
- 5. Following the Clear line of Sight reforms introduced in 2011-12, Parliament votes, as necessary, amounts for the relevant budget boundaries (e.g. Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit, Capital Departmental Expenditure Limit, Resource Annually Managed Expenditure, Capital Annually Managed Expenditure, Non-budget Expenditure) and the net cash requirement (NCR).
- 6. An 'ambit' sets out the full list of activities upon which income will be generated, or expenditure incurred, within the relevant budgetary control in each Estimate. From 2011-12 (under the CLoS reforms), once an ambit has been approved by Parliament and included in the Supply and Appropriation Act it can only have descriptions of functional activities added at the end of the existing ambit detail. Additions to the ambit made in the Supplementary Estimate are identified by an asterisk (*). Additions in the ambit made in this Excesses publication are identified by a double asterisk (**).
- 7. The Part I section shows the net total amount of the Excess Vote for 2020-21. Part II provides an explanation of the reason for the excess. Part III provides the detail.

Part 1: Summary of amount to be voted

	Amount to be voted
Departmental Expenditure Limit	
Resource	0
Capital	0
Annually Managed Expenditure	
Resource	53,000
Capital	0
Total Net Budget	
Resource	53,000
Capital	0
Non-Budget Expenditure	0
Net Cash Requirement	0

STATEMENT of the amounts required to be voted in order to make good excesses for the year ended 31 March 2021

Sir Lindsay Hoyle Speaker

House of Commons 24th February 2022

Part II: Explanation of Excesses

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England breached its Resource Annually Managed Expenditure Limit by £53,000. In November 2020, the Government Property Agency notified the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) that the Commission should recognise a provision related to its share of the remediation costs for its office accommodation at the end of its lease. In preparing its Main Estimate prior to the 2020–21 financial year, the Commission requested a Resource Annually Managed Expenditure budget of zero. When the Commission was advised of the dilapidations provision, it should have applied for budgetary cover in the Supplementary Estimate. However, the Commission did not realise that the new provision was subject to such budgetary cover and believed it had sufficient Resource Departmental Expenditure budget cover to accommodate any provision. As a result, the Commission incurred £53,000 of Resource Annually Managed Resource expenditure, such that the Estimate was breached by £53,000.

Parliamentary authority is sought to provide for the excess expenditure by an Excess Vote.

Part III: Excesses

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	Excesses	Amount to be voted
Departmental Expenditure Limit		
Resource	0	0
Capital	0	0
Annually Managed Expenditure		
Resource	53,000	53,000
Capital	0	0
Total Net Budget		
Resource	53,000	53,000
Capital	0	0
Non-Budget Expenditure	0	0
Net Cash Requirement	0	0

Excess amounts required in the year ended 31 March 2021 for expenditure by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on:

Departmental Expenditure Limit

Expenditure arising from:

Administration and operational cost and associated non-cash items, planning for and carrying out the functions and duties imposed on it by, or by virtue of, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Greater London Authority Act 1999: these functions and duties include undertaking electoral reviews of local authorities in England and implementing any changes by Order; undertaking reviews of the administrative boundaries of local authorities in England and making recommendations to the Secretary of State for any changes; providing advice, at his request, to the Secretary of State on any proposals he receives from local authorities for a change to unitary status; undertaking reviews of the constituencies of the Greater London Assembly and implementing any changes by Order; altering the boundaries of district council or London borough wards and county council divisions as a consequence of the outcome of community governance reviews conducted by local authorities in England; and making Orders to implement proposals from local authorities wishing to move to elections by thirds or by halves.

Annually Managed Expenditure

Expenditure arising from:

^{**} Provisions.