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To local authorities in England listed in Annex A

28 February 2022

Dear colleagues,

**Section 31 (Local Government Act 2003) Grant Determination Letter for the
Biodiversity Net Gain Grant 2021/22: Grant No. 31/5945**

This Determination is made between:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and**
- (2) The local authorities listed at Annex A.**

Background

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach to development that leaves biodiversity in a measurably better state than before. This means protecting existing habitats and ensuring that lost or degraded habitats are compensated for by enhancing or creating habitats that are of greater value to wildlife and people.

The Environment Act 2021 includes provisions that make the achievement of 10% biodiversity gain mandatory for developments under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The requirement is due to come into force in late 2023.

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to the local authorities in England listed at Annex A, towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

The grant is intended to support local planning authorities in their preparations for the introduction of mandatory BNG.

The total funding allocated for the period 2021/22 is £4.18 million. Most local authorities have been allocated £10,047, with Unitary Authorities being allocated £20,094.

Individual planning authorities are best placed to decide how to use the funds in the most effective way.

An effective use of the funds could be for local planning authorities to expand their ecologist capacity and upskill current ecologist resource with regards planning application assessment and preparation for the introduction of the mandatory biodiversity net gain requirement.

Feedback

Formal reporting to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on progress is not a condition of this grant. Defra will, however, ask the local authority to provide a voluntary end of year return and report confirming activity that has taken place or been funded. Defra would also be happy to receive any information about effective practice and activity that has helped local planning authorities prepare for mandatory BNG, and any information on lessons learned from such work.

Defra is working to establish an appropriate mechanism for the monitoring and evaluation of biodiversity gains under the Environment Act's provisions, with relevant learning planned as part of this. We are currently consulting on our proposals as part of our wider consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation, which is open until 5th April 2022 and can be found at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-net-gain-consultation-team/consultation-on-biodiversity-net-gain-regulations/>

Enquiries

For all enquiries about biodiversity net gain please contact SM-Defra.NetGain@defra.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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Rachel Fisher
Deputy Director, Land Use
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Appendix A

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

Biodiversity Net Gain Grant

GRANT DETERMINATION 2021/22: No 31/5945.

The Minister of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Rt Hon George Eustice MP), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Biodiversity Net Gain Grant Determination (2021/22) [No31/5945].

Purpose of the grant

2) 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

3) The Secretary of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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Rachel Fisher, Deputy Director, Land Use, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

28 February 2022

ANNEX A

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Bath and North East Somerset Council	£20,094
Bristol Council	£20,094
South Gloucestershire Council	£20,094
North Somerset Council	£20,094
Luton Borough Council	£20,094
Bedford UA	£20,094
Central Bedfordshire UA	£20,094
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	£20,094
West Berkshire District Council	£20,094
Reading Borough Council	£20,094
Slough Borough Council	£20,094
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	£20,094
Wokingham District Council	£20,094
Milton Keynes Council	£20,094
Buckinghamshire County Council	£20,094
Peterborough City Council	£20,094
Cambridgeshire County Council	£10,047
Cambridge City Council	£10,047
East Cambridgeshire District Council	£10,047
Fenland District Council	£10,047
South Cambridgeshire District Council	£10,047
Huntingdonshire	£10,047
Halton Borough Council	£20,094
Warrington Borough Council	£20,094
Cheshire East UA	£20,094
Cheshire West and Chester UA	£20,094
Hartlepool Council	£20,094
Middlesbrough Borough	£20,094
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	£20,094
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	£20,094
Cornwall County UA	£20,094
Cumbria County Council	£10,047
Allerdale Borough Council	£10,047
Barrow-in-Furness District Council	£10,047
Carlisle City Council	£10,047
Copeland Borough Council	£10,047
Eden District Council	£10,047
South Lakeland District Council	£10,047
Derby City Council	£20,094
Derbyshire County Council	£10,047

Amber Valley Borough Council	£10,047
Bolsover District Council	£10,047
Chesterfield Borough Council	£10,047
Derbyshire Dales District Council	£10,047
Erewash Borough Council	£10,047
High Peak Borough Council	£10,047
North East Derbyshire District Council	£10,047
South Derbyshire District Council	£10,047
Plymouth City Council	£20,094
Torbay Borough Council	£20,094
Devon County Council	£10,047
East Devon District Council	£10,047
Exeter City Council	£10,047
Mid Devon District Council	£10,047
North Devon District Council	£10,047
South Hams District Council	£10,047
Teignbridge District Council	£10,047
Torridge District Council	£10,047
West Devon Borough Council	£10,047
Dorset Council	£20,094
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£20,094
Darlington Borough Council	£20,094
Durham County UA	£20,094
Brighton and Hove Council	£20,094
East Sussex County Council	£10,047
Eastbourne Borough Council	£10,047
Hastings Borough Council	£10,047
Lewes District Council	£10,047
Rother District Council	£10,047
Wealden District Council	£10,047
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	£20,094
Thurrock Council	£20,094
Essex County Council	£10,047
Basildon District Council	£10,047
Braintree District Council	£10,047
Brentwood Borough Council	£10,047
Castle Point Borough Council	£10,047
Chelmsford Borough Council	£10,047
Colchester Borough Council	£10,047
Epping Forest District Council	£10,047
Harlow District Council	£10,047
Maldon District Council	£10,047
Rochford District Council	£10,047
Tendring District Council	£10,047
Uttlesford District Council	£10,047

Gloucestershire County Council	£10,047
Cheltenham Borough Council	£10,047
Cotswold District Council	£10,047
Forest of Dean District Council	£10,047
Gloucester City Council	£10,047
Stroud District Council	£10,047
Tewkesbury Borough Council	£10,047
Portsmouth City Council	£20,094
Southampton City Council	£20,094
Hampshire County Council	£10,047
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	£10,047
East Hampshire District Council	£10,047
Eastleigh Borough Council	£10,047
Fareham Borough Council	£10,047
Gosport Borough Council	£10,047
Hart District Council	£10,047
Havant Borough Council	£10,047
New Forest District Council	£10,047
Rushmoor Borough Council	£10,047
Test Valley Borough Council	£10,047
Winchester City Council	£10,047
County of Herefordshire District Council	£20,094
Worcestershire County Council	£10,047
Bromsgrove District Council	£10,047
Redditch Borough Council	£10,047
Worcester City Council	£10,047
Wychavon District Council	£10,047
Wyre Forest	£10,047
Malvern Hills District Council	£10,047
Hertfordshire County Council	£10,047
Broxbourne Borough Council	£10,047
Dacorum Borough Council	£10,047
East Hertfordshire District Council	£10,047
Hertsmere Borough Council	£10,047
North Hertfordshire District Council	£10,047
St Albans District Council	£10,047
Stevenage Borough Council	£10,047
Three Rivers District Council	£10,047
Watford Borough Council	£10,047
Welwyn Hatfield District Council	£10,047
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£20,094
Kingston Upon Hull City Council	£20,094
North East Lincolnshire Council	£20,094
North Lincolnshire Council	£20,094
Isle of Wight Council	£20,094

Medway Borough Council	£20,094
Kent County Council	£10,047
Ashford Borough Council	£10,047
Canterbury City Council	£10,047
Dartford Borough Council	£10,047
Dover District Council	£10,047
Gravesham Borough Council	£10,047
Maidstone Borough Council	£10,047
Sevenoaks District Council	£10,047
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	£10,047
Swale Borough Council	£10,047
Thanet District Council	£10,047
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	£10,047
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£10,047
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£20,094
Blackpool Borough Council	£20,094
Lancashire County Council	£10,047
Burnley Borough Council	£10,047
Chorley Borough Council	£10,047
Fylde Borough Council	£10,047
Hyndburn Borough Council	£10,047
Lancaster City Council	£10,047
Pendle Borough Council	£10,047
Preston city Council	£10,047
Ribble Valley Borough Council	£10,047
Rossendale Borough Council	£10,047
South Ribble Borough Council	£10,047
West Lancashire District Council	£10,047
Wyre Borough Council	£10,047
Leicester City Council	£20,094
Rutland County Council District Council	£20,094
Leicestershire County Council	£10,047
Blaby District Council	£10,047
Charnwood Borough Council	£10,047
Harborough District Council	£10,047
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	£10,047
Melton Borough Council	£10,047
North West Leicestershire District Council	£10,047
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	£10,047
Lincolnshire County Council	£10,047
Boston Borough Council	£10,047
East Lindsey District Council	£10,047
Lincoln City Council	£10,047
North Kesteven District Council	£10,047
South Holland District Council	£10,047

South Kesteven District Council	£10,047
West Lindsey District Council	£10,047
Norfolk County Council	£10,047
Breckland District Council	£10,047
Broadland District Council	£10,047
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	£10,047
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council	£10,047
North Norfolk District Council	£10,047
Norwich City Council	£10,047
South Norfolk Council	£10,047
City of York Council	£20,094
North Yorkshire County Council	£10,047
Craven District Council	£10,047
Hambleton District Council	£10,047
Richmondshire District Council	£10,047
Scarborough Borough Council	£10,047
Harrogate Borough Council	£10,047
Ryedale District Council	£10,047
Selby District Council	£10,047
North Northamptonshire	£20,094
West Northamptonshire	£20,094
Northumberland County UA	£20,094
Nottingham City Council	£20,094
Nottinghamshire County Council	£10,047
Ashfield District Council	£10,047
Bassetlaw District Council	£10,047
Broxtowe Borough Council	£10,047
Gedling Borough Council	£10,047
Mansfield District Council	£10,047
Newark and Sherwood District Council	£10,047
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£10,047
Oxfordshire	£10,047
Cherwell District Council	£10,047
Oxford City Council	£10,047
South Oxfordshire District Council	£10,047
Vale of White Horse	£10,047
West Oxfordshire District Council	£10,047
Telford and Wrekin Council	£20,094
Shropshire County UA	£20,094
Somerset County Council	£10,047
Mendip District Council	£10,047
Sedgemoor District Council	£10,047
South Somerset District Council	£10,047
Somerset West and Taunton District Council	£10,047
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£20,094

Staffordshire County Council	£10,047
Cannock Chase District Council	£10,047
East Staffordshire Borough Council	£10,047
Lichfield District Council	£10,047
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	£10,047
South Staffordshire District Council	£10,047
Stafford Borough Council	£10,047
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	£10,047
Tamworth Borough Council	£10,047
Suffolk County Council	£10,047
Babergh District Council	£10,047
Ipswich Borough Council	£10,047
Mid Suffolk District Council	£10,047
East Suffolk District Council	£10,047
West Suffolk District Council	£10,047
Surrey County Council	£10,047
Elmbridge Borough Council	£10,047
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	£10,047
Guildford Borough Council	£10,047
Mole Valley District Council	£10,047
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	£10,047
Runnymede Borough Council	£10,047
Spelthorne Borough Council	£10,047
Surrey Heath Borough Council	£10,047
Tandridge District Council	£10,047
Waverley Borough Council	£10,047
Woking Borough Council	£10,047
Warwickshire County Council	£10,047
North Warwickshire Borough Council	£10,047
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	£10,047
Rugby Borough Council	£10,047
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£10,047
Warwick District Council	£10,047
West Sussex County Council	£10,047
Adur District Council	£10,047
Arun District Council	£10,047
Chichester District Council	£10,047
Crawley Borough Council	£10,047
Horsham District Council	£10,047
Mid Sussex District Council	£10,047
Worthing Borough Council	£10,047
Swindon Borough Council	£20,094
Wiltshire County UA	£20,094
Isles of Scilly Council	£20,094
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Manchester City Council	£10,047
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Salford Metropolitan District Council	£10,047
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Liverpool City Council	£10,047
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Sefton	£10,047
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Sheffield City Council	£10,047
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Newcastle upon Tyne Metropolitan District Council	£10,047
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Sunderland City Council	£10,047
Birmingham City Council	£10,047
Coventry City Council	£10,047
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£10,047
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	£10,047
Leeds City Council	£10,047
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£10,047
City of London	£10,047
Camden London Borough	£10,047
Greenwich London Borough	£10,047
Hackney London Borough	£10,047
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough	£10,047
Islington London Borough	£10,047
Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough	£10,047
Lambeth London Borough	£10,047
Lewisham London Borough	£10,047
Southwark London Borough	£10,047

Tower Hamlets London Borough	£10,047
Wandsworth London Borough	£10,047
Westminster City Council	£10,047
Barking and Dagenham London Borough	£10,047
Barnet London Borough	£10,047
Bexley London Borough	£10,047
Brent London Borough	£10,047
Bromley London Borough	£10,047
Croydon London Borough	£10,047
Ealing London Borough	£10,047
Enfield London Borough	£10,047
Haringey London Borough	£10,047
Harrow London Borough	£10,047
Havering London Borough	£10,047
Hillingdon London Borough	£10,047
Hounslow London Borough	£10,047
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough	£10,047
Merton London Borough	£10,047
Newham London Borough	£10,047
Redbridge London Borough	£10,047
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	£10,047
Sutton London Borough	£10,047
Waltham Forest London Borough	£10,047
Greater London Authority	£10,047
West Midlands Combined Authority	£10,047
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	£10,047
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	£10,047
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority	£10,047
North East Combined Authority	£10,047
The West Yorkshire Combined Authority	£10,047
West of England Combined Authority	£10,047
Tees Valley Combined Authority	£10,047
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	£10,047
North of Tyne Combined Authority	£10,047