



PREPARING YOU FOR
APRIL 2020 FUNDING
REFORM

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2018/19 RESOURCE PLANNING HUB

Your One-Stop Expert Adviser

« *Useful for all levels of financial staff and reduces the time taken to interpret national changes. Key sector impacts are highlighted and crunched; from the concretely practical and immediate, to the long term planning landscape.* »

Mark Taylor, Director of Finance, Wolverhampton CC

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Strengthen Your Forward Financial Plans

Getting Prepared for April 2020

Preparing budgets, medium-term financial plans and a financial strategy for your local authority faces the triple challenges brought about by the increased emphasis on locally raised resources, the significant funding reform planned for April 2020 and the upcoming Spending Review 2019.

These create short-term volatility and potential step change to the levels of funding leading up to and beyond 2020. For 2018/19, our Resource Planning Hub will continue to support authorities with all these challenges, providing an unparalleled source of on-line guidance, combined with expert support.

A new section, [Countdown to Funding Reform](#), will focus on the implications of business rates retention reform/the reset and the new financial implications of the Fair Funding and Spending Review 2019 proposals.

Providing up to date analysis of the implications of the reform proposals, together with lessons learnt from analysing business rates pilots, it will identify the potential approaches to take in remodelling your MTFP and preparing Budgets in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Avoid the Risks of Financial Planning in Complex and Uncertain Times

In response to existing and new pressures, the Resource Planning Hub frees up finance officer time, by analysing a breadth of information on your behalf and drawing out the implications for your financial planning.

Your on-line content is specifically designed with the needs of the Section 151 officer and financial planning officers in mind. Think of it as having your own expert advisor by your side. The content is continuously updated, providing a comprehensive source of up to date information and in-depth analysis on local authority funding.

In addition, membership of the Hub comes with a complimentary place at each of our eight regional funding programmes; which, in the lead-up to April 2020, form part of our [Countdown to Funding Reform](#).



When you subscribe to the Resource Planning Hub, here are 6 ways in which you instantly benefit:

- 1 Highly user-friendly format, including charts; tables; checklists; external links; briefings; and 'at a glance' summaries
- 2 Access to our on-line guidance and [Countdown to Funding Reform](#) events, providing dedicated advice on preparing for the implementation of funding reform in April 2020
- 3 Analysis of key funding streams and modelling tools to allow comparison of your local authority to national and regional trends and projecting the potential impact
- 4 Regular updating of Hub content, with monthly email alerts where key updates have been made
- 5 Access to online information and support for an unlimited number of officers through a single authority subscription, ensuring they receive consistent messages
- 6 **A complimentary place** at each of our funding programmes, eight in total up to April 2020, saving you a potential £565 in 2018/19.



A summary of the main areas covered are shown below:

FUNDING FOUNDATIONS

- Countdown to Funding Reform
- National Context - Government Statements
- Other National Context
- Current Consultations
- Local Government Settlements
- Indices and Trends
- Balance of Funding

GRANT FUNDING

- Settlement Funding Assessment
- Revenue Support Grant
- Business Rates Top-up Grant
- New Homes Bonus
- General Grants
- Specific Grants
- Bid-based Grants

LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES

- Council Tax
- Business Rates
- Fees and Charges
- Local Authority Reserves
- Other Sources of Funding

Resource Planning Tools

The Hub also contains a number of tools to assist with your financial planning and additional tools will be developed up to April 2020. These include:

SR19 Modeller - modelling for the impact of likely scenarios for SR19 (summer 2018)

Local Taxation - the existing two comparator tools on taxbase growth and CTB1 will be supplemented with a tool on actual CTB1 to taxbase growth and a new projector tool (summer 2018)

Business Rates Income - the existing six tools will be supplemented with new tools on projecting revised business rates baselines, a business rates' growth projector and authorities' future balance of funding (summer 2018)

New Homes Bonus Tool - providing a forecast of the potential level of funding to be received in future years (autumn 2018).



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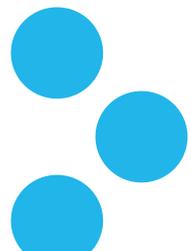
The best way to understand the benefits of the Resource Planning Hub is to see it live in action.

To arrange your **FREE** online demonstration, or to simply find out more, please contact Rupert Dewhirst at rupert.dewhirst@lgfutures.co.uk or call 07775 428145.



“ Thanks to the Resource Planning Hub, time consuming and technically challenging issues can be dealt with by specialist experts, helping plan my resources better and offering excellent value for money. ”

Andrew Blake-Herbert,
Chief Executive, London Borough of Havering



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